

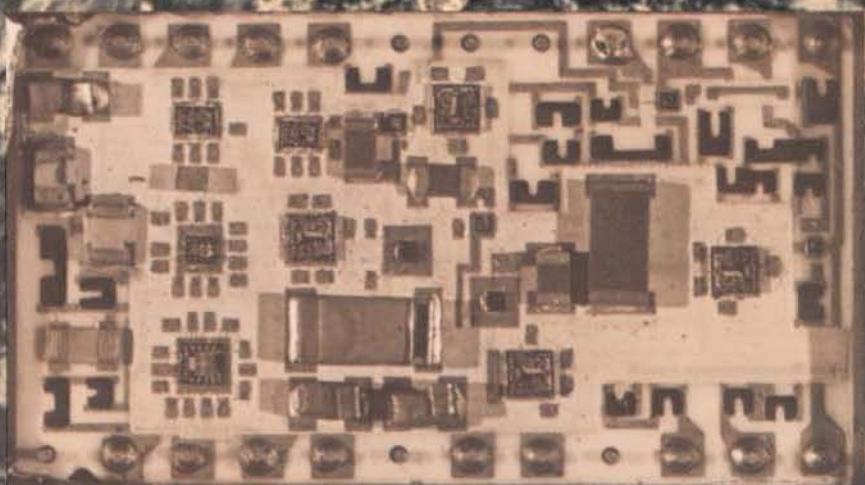
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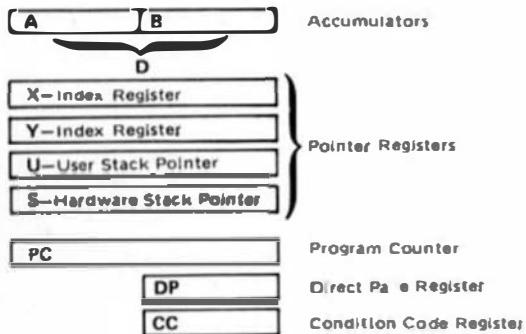


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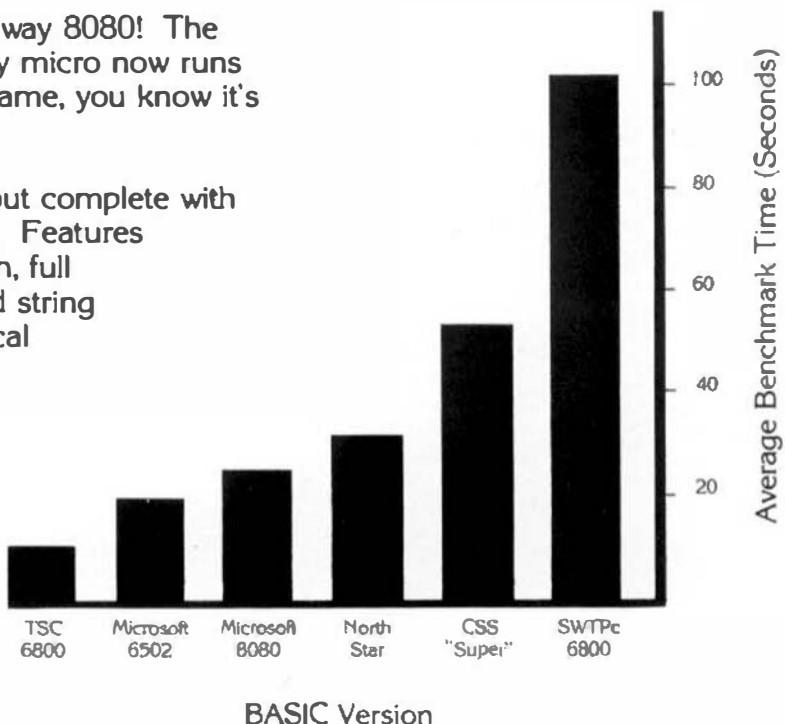
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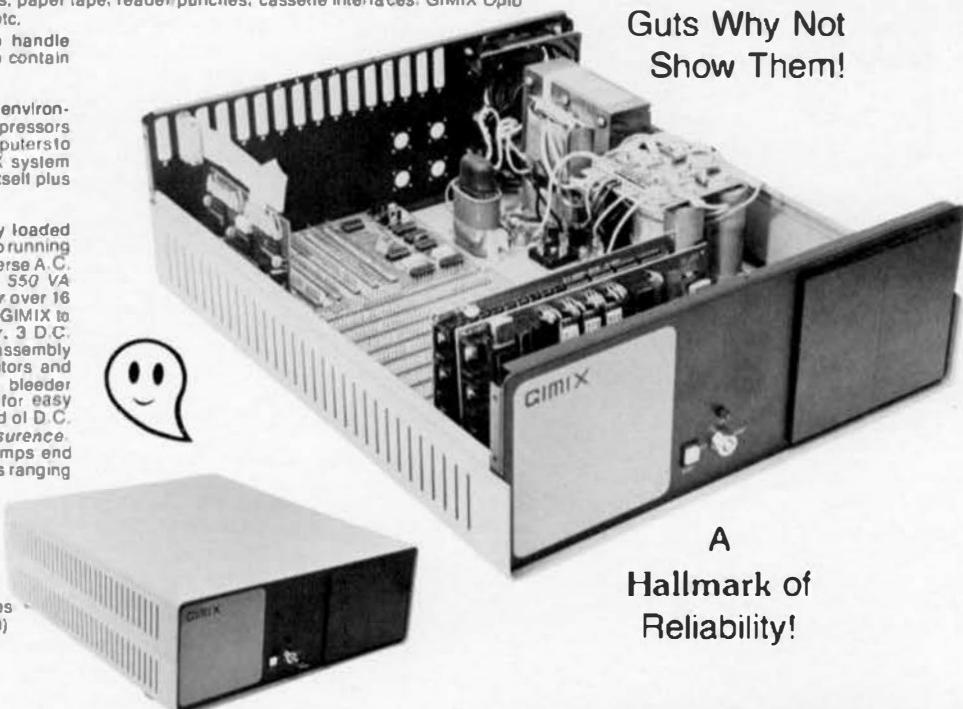
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"Both the locomotive & the burro carry freight
but which is the better choice for a narrow
mountain path?"

I'm not against large disk operating systems for small computers. In fact, Percom has developed and markets an exceptionally powerful DOS called INDEX™. But, if you're buying a boat for water skiing, do you really need the Queen Mary? The case for the modest disk operating system for the small computer user deserves its "day in court."

Most disk operating systems for small computers have been written by programmers whose experience was developed on large — in fact, very large — computers.

Unfortunately, these selfsame programmers become so enamored by the grandness of large computer operating systems that they drift far from the economics and the application realities of the small computer user.

"Precedence is often substituted for thinking."

THE DOS was created by the mythical programmer Wong Gotu, Senior Lead Systems Programmer in charge of Disk Operating Systems.

THE DOS is all things to all men — er, to all persons. And Mr. Gotu, having blessed the world of small computer users with a system that does everything but wipe your brow, cannot understand the frustration of S. Computer User, who, having laid out several hundred bucks for THE DOS and supporting software, now finds he must dedicate at least one drive merely to serve his magnificent operating system. Nor can Mr. Gotu (Senior Lead Systems Programmer in charge of Disk Operating Systems) comprehend the annoyance of S. Computer User when S. learns that he must devote a major part of his all-too-limited memory to "clothe" THE DOS.

After all, Wong asks, did not he provide S. Computer User with a DOS just like the big computers?

"Big Computer! I bought a micro to get away from the expense and complexity of a Big Computer!" snorts S. Computer User.

"All I want is a machine to keep my books and track my inventory. For what do I need a fancy system which can track umpteen file names? Let one disk hold the program, another hold the books. What could be simpler? I'll just write the name on the disk jacket and know exactly what is what."

So we ask: who besides the large computer user needs a complex disk operating system?

It certainly is not the small businessman. The small cost and limited storage capacity of a mini-floppy diskette as well as the need for archival backup dictate that seldom will more than one applications program or data file be stored on a given diskette. Hence, the presence of a complex DOS only diminishes the already limited disk and memory resources.

It certainly is not the cost-conscious computer hobbyist. Not when he learns he must give up a sizeable chunk of memory to THE DOS, and that he needs two or more drives because THE DOS demands the constant attention of one drive. It is only fair if he asks for a better way. After all his cassette works fine, it's just slow.

There are owners of microcomputers who have a genuine need for powerful disk operating systems, and I'll discuss these situations momentarily. First, however, I'd like to expand on the case for small operating systems.

Let's look at what we expect or want from a disk operating system:

- Permit named files
- Provide a directory
- Speed
- Save files from memory

Load files from disk to memory

Handle free sectors on disk

Think about it. Do you really need more than this from your DOS?

If 99% of your programming is done in BASIC you want to create files you can find and know what else is on the disk. Moreover, if your BASIC is an extended disk BASIC it already handles most of the features you want from your operating system.

If, on the other hand, most of your programming is with an Editor and Text Processor, again you want only to save and find your files.

In cases when high-level languages are used predominately, the major function of the DOS is to use up your memory! If you have less than 32K bytes of RAM that's usually more than one-fourth of it.

Furthermore, as a DOS gets larger it takes more processor time thus slowing down the actual processing of files. This can reduce processing speed by a factor of 15 or more.

You might argue that a small DOS reduces the disk to little more than a fast cassette. Is a system that loads a program more than five times faster than a complex DOS, supports Random Access data files, and uses virtually no memory just "little more than a fast cassette"? Hardly. The penalty of complexity is slower operation. If the complex DOS supports random access files it does so at the expense of disk and memory space.

Yes, I've raised an obvious question: How can one implement random access data files with a limited DOS? How? Simply insist that all blocks in a given file be consecutive and contiguous.

To illustrate random access implementation, consider a disk BASIC with the following commands:

SCTR	— returns the number of the most recently accessed disk block
RESTORE #F,N,P	— positions the specified disk file "#F" to the "Nth" block of the file beginning at element "P"

For example, to read the 9th element in the 35th block of a file called "DATA" on drive #2:

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10 OPEN #10,"2/DATA"
20 I=SCTR
30 RESTORE #10,1+34.09
40 READ #I0,A$
50 PRINT A$
60 CLOSE #10
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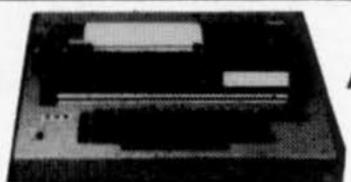
Now, getting back to the question concerning who needs a complex DOS, two types of users come to mind.

One is the systems programmer. But then the systems programmer wrote THE DOS. His view that THE DOS is ideal for everyone is narrow and his arguments for a complex DOS are usually self serving.

Like the model railroader, some computer hobbyists like to emulate large computing systems. While this is certainly a justifiable pursuit for the hobbyist, it does not reflect good systems judgement when practical applications for the small computer are considered.

Before I rest my case in defense of the small DOS, think about these questions: What use could be made of memory space usurped by a complex DOS? Invert a larger matrix? Sort a bigger file? How much more data could you store on the disk if the DOS utilities were not there? How much less do you pay for a system which requires one less drive?

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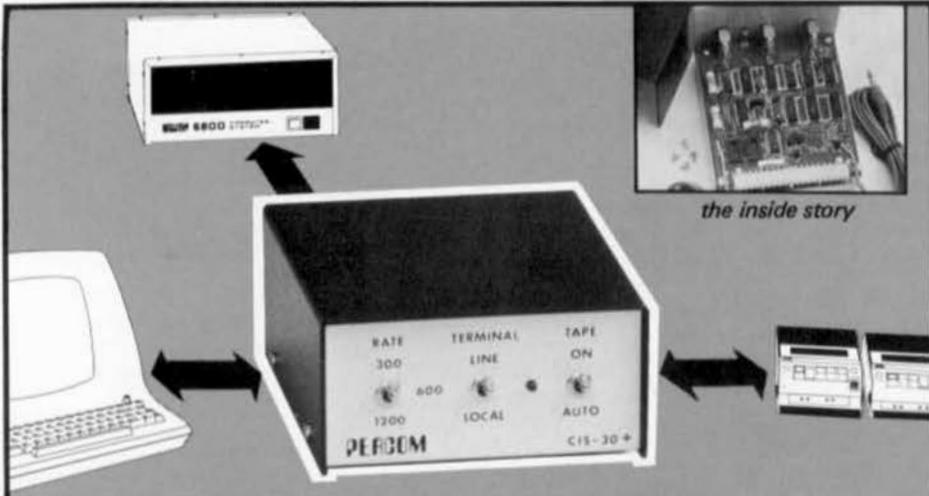
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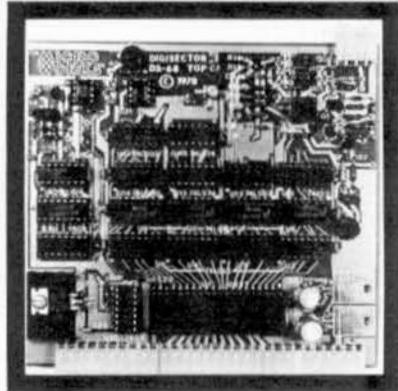
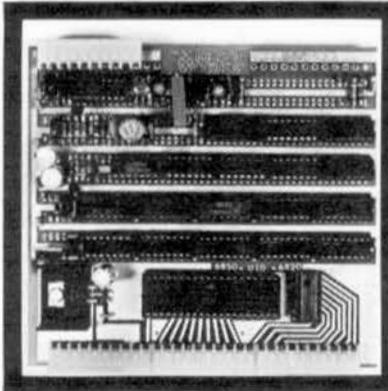
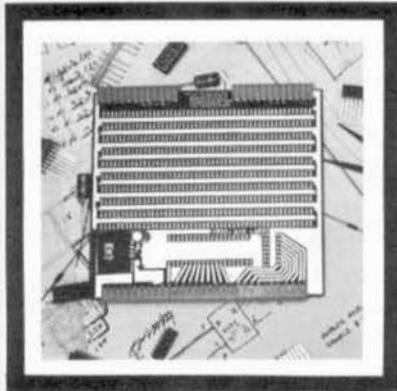
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EDITORS REMARKS

An old joke ended 'promises, promises, promises'. How many times have you heard it repeated? Seems lately it is more apropos than ever. Of all of the complaints received and heard, slow delivery is the most referred to. Some firms are more notorious than others. Fact is; some seem to start and continue on cash in advance orders, from eager micro owners. Federal regulations to the contrary, it seems more prevalent in the microcomputer industry, than any other, I know of. I personally know of manufacturers who are running slow on deliveries, despite anything they could do. Others just don't seem to care. Already the ranks are being pruned of poor products and vendors. Yet it seems for every one that fades away, three others spring up. By the time many of us find out about a shoddy product or company, it is too late for many others, or ourselves. It is difficult to sometimes tell who are the good guys. And in a couple instances the bad guys have reverted to a good guy role. However, it requires time to change a black hat to white. Better to have started out a good guy.

There is another side to the coin. Sometimes the buyer just is not reasonably patient. Note, I said 'reasonably'. We had an instance of a subscriber sending his check to us on the 14th or 15th of January (we received it on the 22d of January). Less than three weeks later we received a note, sprinkled with filth and profanity, demanding his magazine or money back. Three weeks with mail delivery time included, is not reasonable time. We promptly refunded his check but the fact remains that in his eyes, we are the bad guys. All this despite the fact that we included every subscription received in the first mailing, up to the final 24 hours. Most magazines warn that it takes six to eight weeks, at the earliest, to process a new subscription. We know how hard we all worked to get everyone included, but if others don't, then we get a black eye, deserved or not. We came out a month later than we had intended. We could have been on time but the first issue would have been printed on newsprint. We wanted to do better, so we reordered paper (correctly ordered the

first time), and humped to get out within 5 working days after receiving the right paper.

This brings us to a point worth considering. If you feel that you have been overly delayed, or received poor merchandise from a 6800 dealer, let us know. Maybe we can help. This can sometimes save us all a lot of grief.

Already we have refused advertising from dealers we feel wear grey or black hats. This hurts; we need advertisers to continue to grow. More important we need readers. If we don't do our part to keep the game clean, then we don't deserve your support. I have a big stake in this publication. Our publishing house is over 66 years old. We hate striking out. It is our sincere belief that 6800 users and 6800 dealers need their own publication. However; we can only do so much, the rest is up to you.

If we all focus on a standard protocol for our particular corner of the microcomputer field, then we will succeed, where others failed. Many of the 'biggies' of the early days are gone. Some others will follow. All because they bickered and squabbled about busses and standards; until there were none.

So it all boils down to this. As users we need to share our knowledge and advancements with others less skilled (we all started on base one sometime or another). If you have a program or hardware project, let us all know. You will get your subscription extented and a lot of other folks will be grateful, not to mention it will make you an internationally known author.

A few words to hardware and software manufacturers also; please lets keep order among the 6800 products to come. Competition is one thing, suicide another. Surely the mistakes of some who have fallen, should not be repeated, in the name of competition. One of the strongest things going for 6800 user acceptance is compatibility. If a fair and reasonable bus and signal protocol is agreed to by you who make the things we buy, hardware and software alike, there will be plenty for all. Screw it all up; kiss it all goodby. Price has never been the deciding factor for most. providing it is

reasonable...dependable operation and compatibility have. With the 6809 and other new products coming, NOW is the time for decisions. Any comments, anyone?

CRUNCHERS CORNER

This monthly column is intended to provide a place for the exchange of ideas on microcomputer arithmetic. A systematic exposition of fixed and floating point arithmetic, hardware and software, algorithms for approximation and so on is planned. Questions and comments submitted to this column can be on any subject relevant to "number crunching," and should be addressed to:

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AN INTEGER ARITHMETIC PACKAGE

Earlier in this column we discussed some of the difficulties which go with using a microcomputer to solve real world problems. The central difficulty is the data width (that is, the number of bits in the data bus). The processor we are using as an example has 8 bit data. Since this only gives 256 distinct data values, we implement in software (that is, in a program) wider data types. We selected 16 bit integer arithmetic to start with; this system is simple but is also useful. Using the instructions ABC and SBC of the M6800 instruction set, we easily programmed 16 bit addition and subtraction. We also considered the conversion from ASCII sign-magnitude decimal notation to 16 bit two's complement binary, and found that this could be done efficiently with a special purpose multiply by 10 program. (Efficiency is especially critical in an interpretative program such as BASIC which must perform the conversion each time a line is executed.)

In this month's column we introduce new operations multiplication and division. We also give a program which performs conversion from 16 bit binary to ASCII sign-magnitude decimal. These more complex operations make use of the M6800 shift operations ASR, ROR, ASL and ROL. The resulting set of programs is adequate to support arithmetic operations needed for indexing (that is, for finding elements in vectors or arrays). Also, some versions of BASIC (such as the famous TINY BASIC of Tom Pittman) use exactly this data type everywhere. A unified set of programs meant to be used by other programs is sometimes called a package; this month's column contains a comprehensive 16 bit integer arithmetic package.

Before we begin to discuss details of the programs, we need to clarify a loose end from last time: it is the problem of overflow.

MODULAR ARITHMETIC

Last time we pointed out that arithmetic using two's complement or unsigned representations of binary numbers needs the same action by the internal arithmetic-logic unit in the computer. Consider once more 4 bit data: there are $2^4 = 16$ possible values, indicated in Table 1. Also shown there are other integers. For example, the integer 30 is listed with the bit pattern named 14 (as an unsigned integer) or -2 (as a two's complement integer). Looking at the table, we see that the difference between a pair of elements in the same row is a multiple of 16, and that the elements increase by 1 each time going down columns. Before continuing, it is instruc-

tive to try to answer: what should 5×6 be in this 4 bit system as an unsigned integer and as a two's complement integer?

Overflow in addition is much less frequent than in multiplication, and for that reason we have postponed this discussion until now. Let n be an integer (such as 16) and let a and b be integers. We say a is congruent to b modulo n provided $a-b$ is a multiple of n . This will certainly be the case if $a = b$, but will also be true if $a = b + n$, $a = b - n$, $a = b + 2n$ and so on. This property (being congruent modulo n) has enough of the attributes of equality so that we sometimes write " $=$ " instead of "congruent to . . . modulo n ". Taking this liberty, we see that in the four bit system $5 \times 6 = 10$ (unsigned) and $5 \times 6 = -2$ (two's complement). This is because 30, 14 and -2 are all congruent modulo 16.

Table 1.

Four Bit Binary Integers

0000	-16	0	16	32
0001	-15	1	17	33
0010	-14	2	18	34
0011	-13	3	19	35
0100	-12	4	20	36
0101	-11	5	21	37
0110	-10	6	22	38
0111	-9	7	23	39
1000	-8	8	24	40
1001	-7	9	25	41
1010	-6	10	26	42
1011	-5	11	27	43
1100	-4	12	28	44
1101	-3	13	29	45
1110	-2	14	30	46
1111	-1	15	31	47

Computations with n bit integers such as addition and multiplication are carried out modulo 2^n . For $n = 16$, this is $2^{16} = 65536$. While 65536 is a lot larger than 256, it is very likely that many multiplication operations will overflow. For example, the 16 bit product 128 x 512 is equal (congruent) to 0 (modulo 65536). Thus there are non-zero numbers which divide 0; this may take some getting used to. The important thing to remember now is that these overflows are a result of a fixed data width and are inescapable. None of the programs in the package give an alarm when this kind of overflow has occurred.

MULTIPLICATION

Consider again four bit integers. In Fig. 1 we show three four bit multiplications, exactly like multiplication of decimal numbers is carried out by hand. We show the unsigned and two's complement names for the multiplier and multiplicand, and the standard decimal name for the product. Notice that the decimal product in each case is congruent to the rightmost

Four bits of the binary product modulo 16. It is this method which we develop into an algorithm for performing 16 bit integer multiplication in Flow Chart 1.

The corresponding program to implement this algorithm is named MUL1 in Listing 1. It replaces the contents of I by I times M, and in the process destroys M. The index register is used as a counter since both accumulators are used to build the product. The shift operations ROR, ROL and ASL are used to test bits of M and to position the contents of I correctly for adding to the partial product (if needed) at the next stage. About 650 cycles are required for one multiplication.

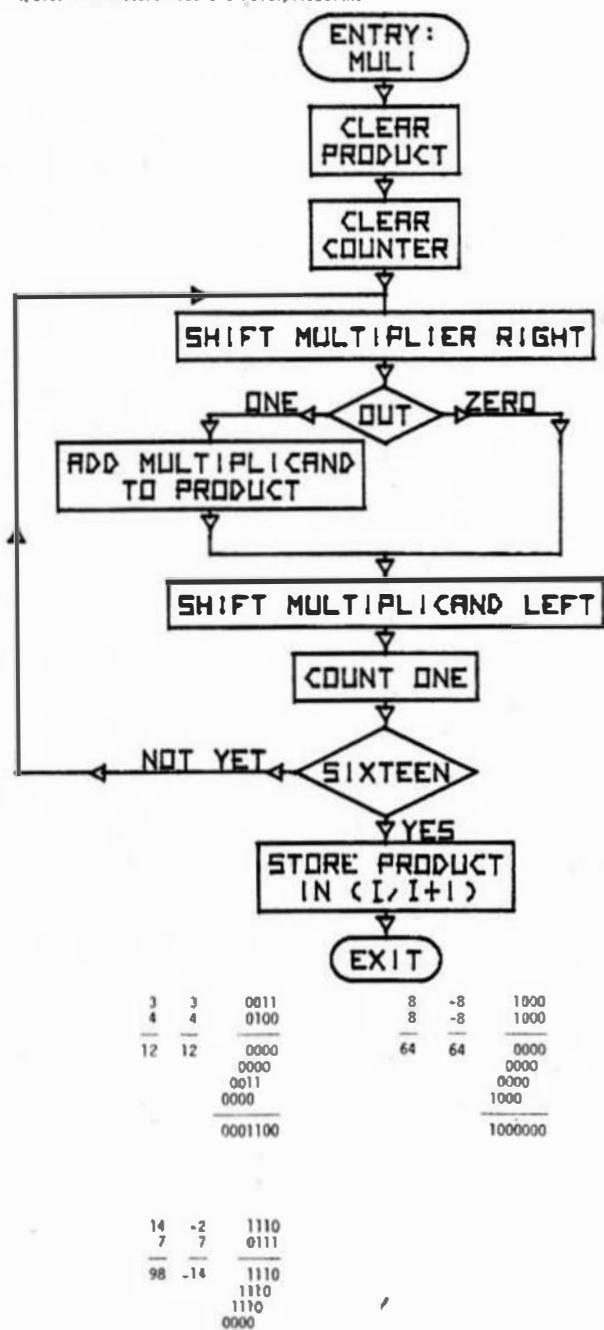
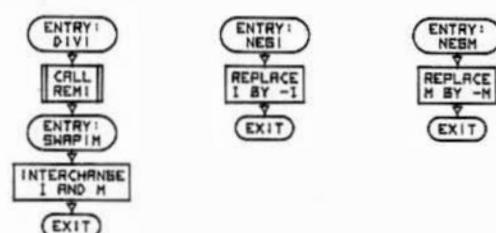
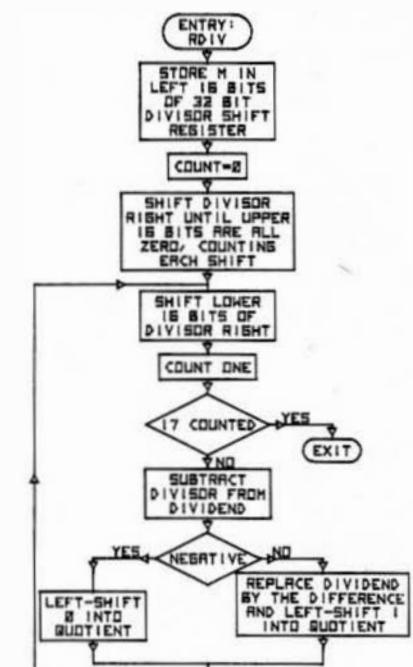


Fig. 1. Three Multiplications of Four Bit Unsigned Binary Integers. Note that the right-most four bits of the answer is correct modulo 16.

Example a: 7/2			Example b: 5/3		
divisor	00100000	dividend	00000000	00000000	00000000
1. Shift divisor	00010000	Subtract and test	negative	0	negative
2. Shift divisor	00001000	Subtract and test	negative	00	negative
3. Shift divisor	00000100	Subtract and test	positive: 00000011	001	negative
4. Shift divisor	00000010	Subtract and test	positive: 00000001	0011	positive: 00000010
		remainder	quotient	3	0001

Fig. 2. Two Four Bit Divisions With Remainder



DIVISION

Although there is a sense in which division is the inverse operation to multiplication, it is easy to see that the problems involved are quite different. In multiplication, the principle problem is the product often overflows. This is solved using modular arithmetic. In division, the problem is the division cannot be performed exactly. That is, the divisor does not "go into" the dividend. This problem is handled using a remainder. Let a and b be integers with a not equal to zero. In division, we wish to

write $b = q \cdot a + r$ where q is the quotient b/a and r is the remainder. In sign-magnitude representation, the sign of the quotient is negative when a and b have opposite signs, the sign of r is equal to the sign of b , and the magnitude $|r|$ of r satisfies $0 \leq |r| < |a|$. These conditions uniquely determine q and r . In binary, the division algorithm given here requires a and b to be non-negative and builds the quotient one bit at a time, reducing the dividend by the shifted divisor each time a 'one' bit is shifted into the quotient.

In Fig. 2, we trace the steps involved on two four-bit problems: 7/2 and 5/3. Initially, we place the divisor in the left four bits of an 8 bit register A. The dividend is placed in the right four bits of an 8 bit register B. The first step is a right shift of the divisor register A. Then A is subtracted from B; if the result is negative, 0 is shifted into the quotient; otherwise 1 is shifted into the quotient and B is replaced by the difference. Then A is shifted right and the process is repeated. This process is shown in more detail in Flow Chart 2.

This algorithm does not work correctly for negative two's complement numbers. Accordingly, the dividend and divisor are made positive and the sign of quotient and remainder calculated. The program REM1 in Listing 1 ends with the quotient I/M in M and the remainder in I. Program DIV1 ends with the quotient in I and remainder in M (and in M+2).

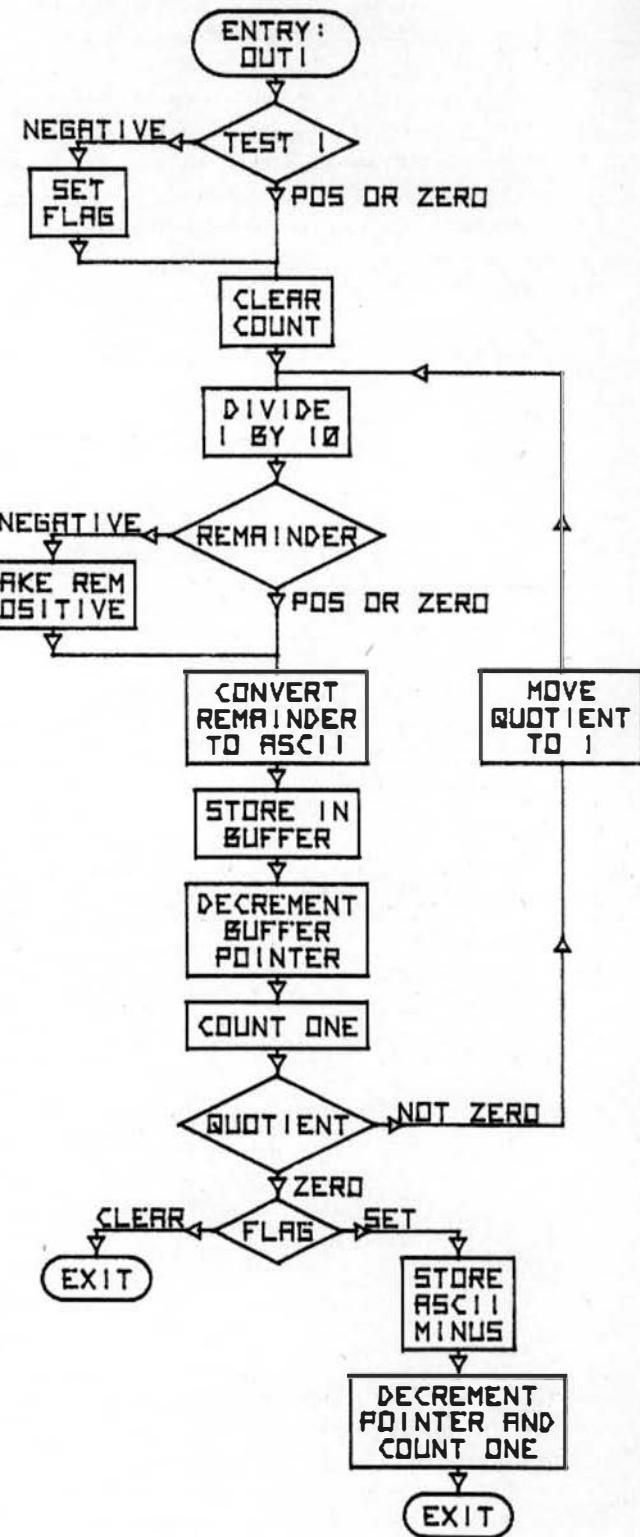
A programming note on the implementation of Flow Chart 2: For 16 bit division with remainder, the extended divisor and dividend register contain 32 bits. However, any time the left 36 bits of the divisor register is non-zero, the subtraction would result in a negative difference. Accordingly, the subtraction need not actually be carried out until the divisor has been shifted far enough right. This also saves left-shifting the quotient (since zero would be shifted in). Also, once the left-most 16 bits are zero, they need not actually be subtracted. The slight increase in program complexity results in a division program more than twice as fast. About 900 cycles are required for a typical division.

BINARY TO ASCII

The final problem we discuss this month is the conversion from 16 bit two's complement numbers to ASCII sign-magnitude decimal. Recall how base conversions go for positive numbers: to convert a number n to decimal, we may write $n = 10 \cdot m + r$, where $0 \leq r < 10$. The digit r is the least significant digit in the decimal representation of n . Repeating this process with m replacing n gives the next least significant digit and so on until the quotient m becomes zero. The digits (in ASCII) are easily generated from their 8 bit binary values by adding \$30. This process is shown in Flow Chart 3, and programmed in program OUT1 of Listing 1. One minor problem is that the digits are generated in reverse order (i.e., the least significant digit is generated first). This is handled by storing the ASCII number in a buffer to be read out later. Since the result of a conversion is usually printed or displayed on a relatively slow ± 10 device, the execution time for OUT1 is unimportant.

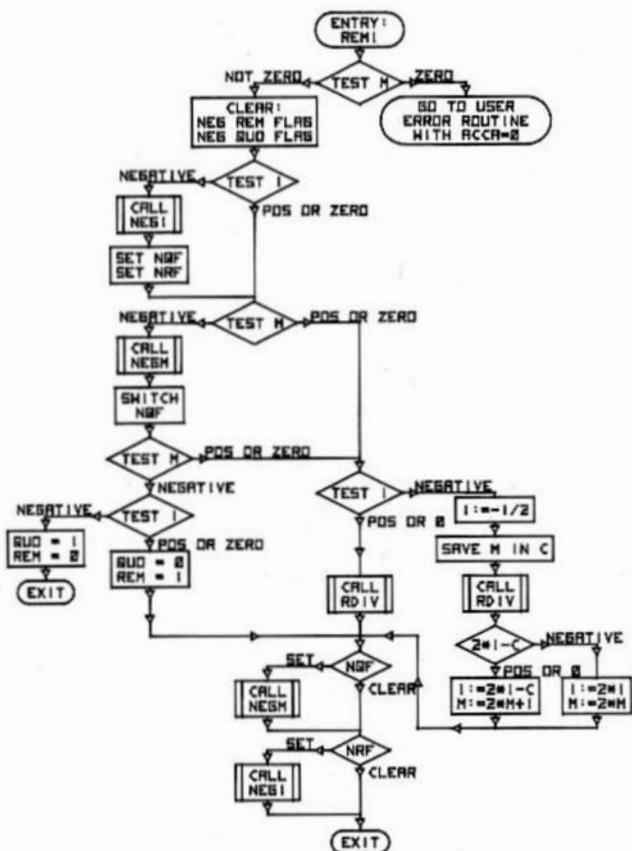
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The program in Listing 1 is intended to illustrate each of the principle arithmetic operations on 16 bit integers. There are three main parts: the test program and its main subroutine BANG which calls the appropriate operation, the input/output (I/O) subroutines INPUT and OUTPUT which move strings from the console to memory and back, and the arithmetic operation programs themselves. In Table 2, each arithmetic subroutine in the package proper is briefly described. The entire package requires under 400 bytes. About



175 additional bytes are needed to provide the test program and I/O; these test and I/O routines are only meant to be examples of what can be done (and, of course, serve to test the various routines).

Several remarks on the philosophy of these programs are in order. As mentioned in last month's column, certain underlying programming conventions have been followed. Thus the current value of index register and B accumulator is not changed by any of these programs (unless, as is the case for READI and OUTI, the change is expected and documented). Each program tolerates interrupts (providing the interrupting program does not modify the thirteen page zero locations beginning with \$F3). Also, each program will execute in read only memory (although they would obviously be assembled at a different address in most systems). Finally, each program should be as accurate as it is



possible to be. (For integer arithmetic, this means each program must be perfect.) Given these conventions, the principle goal was to minimize execution time (first) and to minimize memory requirements (second).

A good example of the execution time vs. memory problem is the integer division program in Listing 1. The algorithm chosen was the fastest known for positive operands; however, it fails for negative numbers, and, since -32768 is its own two's complement negative, something must be done to accommodate this exceptional condition. (The accuracy convention: each program must be as accurate as it can be.) There are three exceptional cases: the negative division overflow, the negative dividend overflows, or both. Program RDIV is complicated because the program RDIV to perform division is fast and simple. All this logic takes about 80 bytes, although these instructions are rarely executed.

Next month we give examples of usage of the programs in the integer arithmetic package. Also, alternate methods of coding the programs are discussed.

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* MIKBUG EDUATES
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 ED7E PDATA1 EDU 8E07F BLOCK OUTPUT
 ELAC IN3EE EDU SE1AC INPUT ONE CHARACTER
 E1DL DH1EEF EDU SE1IN CHARACTERS RECEIVED

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        *          SOURCE L60      DEST    LOAD/STORE OUTPUT ROUTINE
        *          PAGE ZERO CONSTANTS
        *
        *          ORG $F1
        00F1      ATEMP   RMB 1      TEMPORARY ACCUMULATOR STORE
        00F2      INBUF   RMB 2      INPUT BUFFER BEGINNING
        00F4      NEGFLG  RMB 1      NEGATIVE INPUT FLAG
        00F5      M       RMB 6      M SOFTWARE ACCUMULATOR
        00F8      I       RMB 2      I SOFTWARE ACCUMULATOR
        00FB      XTEMP   RMB 2      TEMPORARY STORAGE FOR INDEX REGISTER
        00FF      SGNPEN  RMB 1      INTEGER DIVISION MASK

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0200 * INDEXED REGISTER ADDRESSED STORAGE OR PAGE
* ORG \$0200 TEST ROUTINE STARTS HERE
* TEST PROGRAM FOR INTEGER ARITHMETIC PACKAGE
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0204 RD 3A      BSR    CR1F    START WITH A NEW LINE.
0205 BI 1E      TEST   BSR    INPUT   GET NUMBER AND OPERATOR STRING
0204 DE F2      LDX    INBUF
0206 RD 3F      BSR    RANG   PERFORM OPERATIONS
0208 CE A1 FF    LDX    $FFFF
0209 BD 04 DE    JSR    OUTI
0206 BD 23      BSR    OUTP T PRINT THE RESULT.
0210 20 F0      BRA    TEST   DO IT AGAIN

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0226 26 F3      BNE    INEXT  MODE
0228 8D 12      BSR    CRLF  NEW LINE.
022A DE FD      LDX    XTENP RESTORE INDEX REGISTER
022C 33          PUL    B     RESTORE ACCB
022D 39          PTS
022E 09          IFULL  DEX   BUFFER FULL; GENERATE CR.
022F 86 07      LDA    A #SD
0230 8D 0D      STA    D

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0233 08          OUTPUT INX      POINT TO THE LAST PRINTED.
0234 A6 00          LDA A 0+X
0236 BD E1 D1          JSR OUTEE  PRINT IT
0239 5A          DEC B COUNT
023A 26 F7          BNE OUTPUT
023C DF FD          CPLF    STX XTEMP
023E CE 04 48          LDW #CRLF
0241 BD E8 7E          JSR PDATR
0244 DE FD          LDW XTEMP
0246 20          RTS

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• SUBROUTINE BING
• THIS SUBROUTINE TAKES THE STRING IN THE INPUT
• BUFFER AND LOCATES THE OPERATORS AND CONSTANTS
• AND CALLS THE APPROPRIATE ROUTINE TO APPLY THE
• OPERATION. THEY ARE APPLIED LEFT-TO-RIGHT
• AS ENCOUNTERED.

OPERATIONS SO FAR

OPERATORS OF FILE	
+	ADDITION: I := I + M
-	SUBTRACTION: I := I - M
*	MULTIPLICATION: I := I * M
/	DIVISION: I := I / M
R	REMAINDER: I := REMAINDER IN DIVISION I/M
A	ABSOLUTE VALUE: I := ABS(I)
M	UNIARY NEGATION: I := -I

0247 37 DANG PSM B
0248 83 57 BSR READY CONVERT ONE NUMBER

Table 2. Arithmetic and Conversion Subroutines

Name	Entry Point	Purpose	Length (bytes)	Time (cycles)	Remarks
Binary Operations					
ADDI	\$02E4	I:=I+M	13	25	
SUBI	\$02F1	I:=I-M	13	25	
MULI	\$02FE	I:=I*M	37	608 to 704	M becomes undefined
DIVI	\$0340	I:=I/M M:=REMAINDER	19	about 900	Calls REMI Entry point SWAPIM
REMI	\$0353	I:=REMAINDER M:=I/M	187	about 850	Calls NEGI, NEGM Length includes RDIV
Interchange Operation					
SWAPIM	\$0342	Interchange I and M	17	41	
Unary Operations					
ABSI	\$032F	I:= I	5	12 to 27	Calls NEGIEN
NEGI	\$0334	I:=-I	12	24 to 26	Entry point NEGIEN
Conversion Operations					
READI	\$02A1	M:=binary	67	70x(1+# of digits)	Entry: index register points to start of string. Exit: index register points to non digit, no. in M. I is not changed.
OUTI	\$040E	Output value of I in decimal	57	1000x(# of digits)	Calls REMI Entry: index register points to end of at least 6 byte buffer. Exit: index register plus one points to start of ASCII string. ACCB contains count of no. of bytes (including leading minus sign for a negative number).

024A 96 F5 LDA A M SAVE THE
 24C 97 FB STA A I FIRST ONE
 024E 96 F6 LDA A M+1 IN I
 0250 97 FC STA A I+1 TOO.
 0252 E6 00 BANGH LDA B M+X LOAD THE OPERATOR
 0254 08 IXR POINT TO NEXT OPERAND
 0255 C1 20 CMP B #\\$20 SEE IF A CONTROL CHARACTER
 0257 2D 46 BLT OVER GET THE NEXT OPERAND
 0259 8D 46 BSP PEAD1
 025B C1 28 CMP B #\\$28
 025D 26 05 BNE SUBD
 025F BD 02 E4 JSR ADDI ADD
 0262 20 EE BRA BANGH
 0264 C1 20 SUBD CMP B #\\$2D
 0266 26 05 BNE MULD
 0268 BD 02 F1 JSR SURI SUBTRACT
 026B 20 E5 BRA BANGH DO IT AGAIN
 026D C1 2A MULO CMP D #\\$2A
 026F 26 05 BNE DIVD
 0271 BD 02 FE JSR MULI MULTIPLY
 0274 20 DC BRA BANGH
 0276 C1 2F DIVO CMP B #\\$2F
 0278 26 05 BNE PENO
 027A BD 03 40 JSR DIVI DIVIDE
 027D 20 D3 BRA BANGH
 027F C1 52 PENO CMP B #\\$52
 0281 26 05 BNE ABIO
 0283 BD 03 53 JSR PEMI REMAINDER
 0286 20 CA BRA BANGH
 0288 C1 41 ABSO CMP B #\\$41
 0289 26 05 BNE NEG0
 028C BD 03 2F JSR ABSI ABSOLUTE VALUE.
 028F 20 C1 BRA BANGH
 0291 C1 4E NEG0 CMP B #\\$4E
 0293 26 05 BNE EPP0P
 0295 BD 03 34 JSR NEGI NEGATIVE OF I
 0298 20 B8 BRA BANGH
 029A 86 3F EPP0P LDA A #\\$3F LOAD AN EPP0P FLAG.
 029C BD E1 D1 JSR OUTEE PRINT IT
 029F 33 OVER PUL B RESTORE A CB
 02A0 39 PTS
 * READ SUBROUTINE
 * ENTER WITH INDEX REGISTER POINTING TO STRING
 * TO BE CONVERTED TO 16 BIT BINARY.
 * EXIT WITH INDEX REGISTER POINTING TO NEXT NON
 * (<0-9>) OR LEADING MINUS SIG AND WITH NUMBER IN M.

* SUBROUTINE SUBI
 * SUBTRACTS M FROM I. LEAVING DIFFERENCE IN I.
 02F1 96 FC SUBI LDA A I+1
 02F3 90 F6 SUB A M+1
 02F5 97 FC STA A I+1
 02F7 96 FB LDA A I
 02F9 98 F5 SBC A M
 02FB 97 FB STA A I
 02FD 39 RTS
 * SUBROUTINE MULI
 * MULTIPLIES I BY M AND PLACES THE RESULT IN I.
 02FE DF FD MULI STX XTEMP
 0300 37 PSH B SAVE X AND B
 0301 CE 00 10 LDX #16 SET COUNTER
 0304 4F CLR A CLEAR PRODUCT MSB
 0305 5F CLR B AND LSB
 0306 76 00 FS M GH ROR M
 0309 76 00 F6 POP M+1 TEST LEAST SIGNIFICANT BIT
 030C 24 04 BCC MSKIP OF MULTIPLIER.
 030E DB FC ADD B I+1 ADD IN MULTPLICAND
 0310 99 FB ADC A I IF SET
 0312 78 00 FC MSKIP ASL I+1 SHIFT MULTPLICAND
 0315 79 00 FB ROL I FOR NEXT TIME
 0318 09 DEX COUNT ONE
 0319 26 EB BME MAGN REPEAT IF NOT FINISHED
 031B D7 FC STA R I+1 STORE PRODUCT
 031D 97 FB STA A I
 031F 33 PSTBX PUL B
 0320 DE FD LDX XTEMP RESTORE X AND B
 0322 3 RTS
 * SUBROUTINE NEG0
 * RE LACES M BY -M.
 0323 96 F5 NEGM LDA A M
 0325 43 NEGMEN COM A ENTRY FOR WHEN M ALREADY LOADED.
 0326 70 00 F6 NEG M+1
 0329 26 01 BNE NEGM
 032B 4C INC A
 * SUBROUTINE NEGM
 * RE LACES M BY -M.
 032C 97 F5 NEGM STA A M
 032E 39 PTS
 * SUBROUTINE ABSI
 * REPLACES I BY ABSOLUTE VALUE OF I.
 032F 26 FB A SI LDA A I
 0331 2D 03 BLT NEGIEN IF NEGATIVE MAKE IT POSITIVE.
 0333 39 PTS
 * SUBROUTINE NEGI
 * REPLACES I BY -I
 0334 9_ FB NEGI LDA A I
 0336 43 NEGIEN COM A ENTRY FOR WHEN A ALREADY LOADED.
 0337 70 00 FC NEG I+1
 033A 26 01 BNE NEGI
 033C 40 INC A
 033D 97 FB NEGI STA A I
 033F 39 RTS
 * SUBROUTINE DIVI
 * REPLACES I BY I-M. REMAINDER IS IN M.
 0340 8D 11 DIVI BSP PERFORM DIVISION
 0342 DF FD SWAPIN STX XTEMP UTILITY TO SWAP I AND M.
 0344 DE FB LDX I
 0346 DF F7 STX M+2
 0348 DE F5 LDX M
 034A DF FB STX I
 034C DE F7 LDX M+2
 034E DF F5 STX M
 0350 DE FD LDX XTEMP RESTORE INDEX REGISTER.
 0352 3A PTS
 * SUBROUTINE PEMI
 * REPLACES I BY THE REMAINDER FOLLOWING A DIVISI
 I/M. M CONTAIN THE QUOTIENT.
 0353 96 F6 PEMI LDA A M+1
 0355 9A F5 DPA M M
 0357 26 03 BNE DNDERP CHECK DIVISION BY ZERO
 0359 7E 04 4B JNP USPEPR INT DIV BY ZERO CODE = 0
 035C 37 DNDERP PSH R SAVE ACCB
 035D DF FD STX XTEMP AND INDEX
 035F 5F CLR B CLEAR NEGATIVE QUOTIENT FLAG.

02A1 37 PEAD1 PSH B SAVE A CB
 02A2 5F CLR B CLEAR ACCUMULATOR
 02A3 37 PSH B
 02A4 87 F4 STA B NEGFLG CLEAR NEGATIVE FLAG
 02A6 A6 01 LDW A 0..X GET DIGIT/SIGN
 02A8 81 2D CMW A #\\$2D LEADING MINUS?
 02AA 26 05 BNE GOOD NO
 02AC 97 F4 STA A NEGFLG YES
 02AE 00 NEXT INK PREPARE TO GET NEXT ONE.
 02AF A6 00 LDA A M+X DO IT
 02B1 81 30 CMP A #\\$30 > ZERO?
 02B3 2D 1E BLT NOTONE
 02B5 R1 39 CMP A #\\$34 < NINE?
 02B7 2E 1A BGT NOTONE
 02B9 80 30 SUB A #\\$30 GOT ONE. CONVERT TO BINARY
 02B0 97 F1 STA A ATEMP SAVE FOR LATER
 02BD 32 PUL A RESTORE MSR
 02BE 58 ASL B
 02BF 49 ROL A
 02C0 97 F5 STA A M
 02C2 2D 61 STA B M+1
 02C4 59 ASL B MULTIPLY BY 10
 02C6 58 ROL A
 02C7 49 ROL A
 02C8 DB F6 ADD B M+1
 02CA 99 F5 ADC A M
 02CC BB F1 ADD B ATEMP ADD IN DIGIT
 02CE 89 00 ADC A #\\$A AND CARRY OUT.
 DO 36 PSH A FREE ACCA
 02D1 20 D8 BPA NEXT DO IT AGAIN
 02D3 32 NOTONE PUL A HERE WE DIDN'T FIND A DIGIT.
 02D4 7D 00 F4 TST NEGFLG NEGATIVE?
 02D7 27 05 BEQ SKIP
 02D9 43 CDM A
 02DA 50 NEG B MAKE IT NEGATIVE.
 02DB 26 01 BNE SKIP
 02DD 4C INC A CARRY OUT
 02DE 97 F5 STA A M STASH THE NUMBER
 02E0 D7 F6 STA B M+1 WE BUILT.
 02E2 33 PUL B RESTORE ACCB
 0 E3 39 RTS
 * SUBROUTINE ADDI
 * ADDS M TO I AND PLACES THE RESULT IN I.
 02E4 96 FC ADDI LDA A I+1
 02E6 9B F6 ADD A M+1
 02E8 97 FC STA A I+1

* SUBROUTINE PEMI
 * REPLACES I BY THE REMAINDER FOLLOWING A DIVISI
 I/M. M CONTAIN THE QUOTIENT.
 0353 96 F6 PEMI LDA A M+1
 0355 9A F5 DPA M M
 0357 26 03 BNE DNDERP CHECK DIVISION BY ZERO
 0359 7E 04 4B JNP USPEPR INT DIV BY ZERO CODE = 0
 035C 37 DNDERP PSH R SAVE ACCB
 035D DF FD STX XTEMP AND INDEX
 035F 5F CLR B CLEAR NEGATIVE QUOTIENT FLAG.
 * SUBROUTINE PEMI
 * REPLACES I BY THE REMAINDER FOLLOWING A DIVISI
 I/M. M CONTAIN THE QUOTIENT.
 0360 07 FF STA B SGNPBM CLEAR NEGATIVE REMAINDER FLAG.
 0362 9_ FR LDA A I CHECK NUMERATOR SIGN.
 0364 2C 05 BGE DPOSI
 0366 53 COM B SET NMF
 0367 07 FF STA P SGNPBM SET NPF
 0369 80 CB BSP NEGJEM REPLACE I BY -I
 036B 96 F5 DPOSI LDA A M CHECK DIVISOR.
 036D 2C 05 BGE DPOSI3
 036F 53 COM B TOGGLE NMF

02E9 96 FB LDA A I
 02EC 99 F5 ADC A M
 02EE 97 FB STA A I
 02FO 39 PTS

0370 8D 53 RSP NEGMEN MAKE DIVISION NEGATIVE.
 0372 2D 1F BLT DIVINE DON'T DIVIDE IF OVERFLOW.
 0374 D7 F4 DPOSI STA # HEGFLG HOW DIVIDE?
 0376 29 00 FF TST [CHECK DIVIDEND OVERFLOW.
 0378 2D 2A INT DIVY OH TO DIVIDE.
 037B 8D 51 RSP DIVY FIX SIGNS NOW.
 * 037D 7D 00 F4 FIXSGN TST HEGFLG
 0380 27 02 BEQ DPOSI
 0382 8D 4F BSA NEGM
 0384 7D 00 FF DPOIS TST ISDPM
 0387 27 02 BEQ DPOIS
 0389 8D 50 RSP NEGT MAKE REMAINDER NEGATIVE.
 038B 7E 03 IF DPOIS6 JIP P07BK
 038E 78 00 FF DNEG RSL M+1
 0391 20 4F RPA DPHFT
 0393 7F 00 FS DIVINE CLF M NOTE M+1 = 0
 0394 7D 00 FB TST I
 0395 2C E9 RSE DPOIS DI GO FIX REMAINDER SIGN.
 0398 2C 00 FF INC M+1 TWO OVERFLOW.
 039E 7F 00 FB CLP I DPOD REMAINDER.
 03A1 20 EB LDX A H\$40 I QUOTIENT.
 03A3 86 40 DDFV LDA A H\$40 BINARY 0100 0000
 03A5 97 FB STA A I MAKE I = -32768.25
 03A7 DE F5 LDX M SAVE DIVISOR FOR LATER.
 03A8 DF F9 STX M+4
 03AB 8D 21 RSP PDIV NOW DIVIDE.
 03AD 7B 00 F6 ASL M+1 MULTIPLY AND BY 2
 03B0 79 00 FS ROL M
 03B3 7B 00 FC ASL I+1 MULTIPLY PEM BY 2
 03B6 79 00 FB RDI I
 03B9 96 FB LDA A I
 03BD 86 FC LDA B I+1 SEE IF DIVISION WAS CORRECT.
 03BDB 90 FA SUR B M+5
 03BF 92 F9 SBC A M+4
 03C1 2D 8A BLT FIXSGN NO FIX REMAINDER.
 03C3 D7 FC STA R I
 03C5 97 FB STA A I
 03C7 DE F5 LDX M AND FIX QUOTIENT.
 03C9 00 INK M
 03CA DF F5 STX M
 INTEGER ARITHMETIC PACKAGE V 2.0

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03CC 20 AF BRA FIXSGM GO CORRECT SIGNS.
 *
 * MAIN LOOP(S) TO PERFORM ACTUAL DIVISION WHEN EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER.
 *
 03CE SF PDIV CLR B CLEAR DIVISOR SHIFT AREA.
 03CF D7 F7 STA B M+2
 03D1 D7 F8 STA B M+3
 03D3 CE 00 10 LDX B16 LOOP COUNT
 03D6 74 00 F5 DLDOOP LSR M
 03D9 76 00 F6 ROR M+1 SHIFT DIVISOR RIGHT.
 03DC 76 00 F7 ROR M+2
 03DF 76 00 F8 ROR M+3
 03E2 09 DEX COUNT ONE.
 03E3 96 F5 LDA A M CHECK IF UPPER 16 BITS ZERO.
 03E5 98 F6 DRA A M+1
 03E7 26 ED BNE DLDOOP
 03E9 74 00 F7 LSP M+2 BEGIN WITH A SHIFT
 03EC 76 00 F8 ROP M+3
 03EF 96 FC DLDOOP LDA A I+1 MAIN LOOP
 03F1 90 F8 SUB A M+3
 03F3 06 FB LDA B I
 03F5 D2 F7 SBC B M+2
 03F7 2D 95 RLT DNEG TEST NEGATIVE
 03F9 D7 FB STA R I NO, POSITIVE.
 03FB 97 FC STA A I+1 FIX DIVIDEND
 03FD 00 SEC
 03FE 79 00 F6 POL M+1 AND QUOTIENT.
 0401 79 00 F5 DSHFT POL M SHIFT DIVISOR
 0404 77 00 F7 ASP M+2
 0407 76 00 FB POP M+3 COUNT
 0408 09 DEX
 040B 26 E2 DLDOOP
 040D 39 PTS
 *
 * SUBROUTINE OUTI
 *
 * SUBROUTINE TO CONVERT FROM 16 BIT
 * TWO'S COMPLEMENT BINARY TO ASCII
 * SIGN-MAGNITUDE DECIMAL REPRESENTATION.
 *
 * ON ENTRY: INDEX REGISTER POINTS
 * TO END OF AT LEAST 6 BYTE BUFFER
 * AREA TO RECEIVE THE ASCII STRING.
 *
 * ON EXIT: INDEX REGISTER PLUS ONE
 * POINTS TO THE START OF THE STRING.
 * ACCR CONTAINS THE COUNT OF THE NUMBER
 * OF BYTES IN THE OUTPUT STRING.
 *
 040E SF OUTI CLR R CLEAR NEGATIVE FLAG.
 INTEGER ARITHMETIC PACKAGE V 2.0

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040F 96 FB LDA A I GET SIGN
 0411 2C 01 BGE DPOSI
 0413 53 CDM B SET FLAG.
 0414 07 F1 DPOSI STA B ATEMP
 0416 5F CLP B CAVE FLAG.
 0417 86 0A DASH LDR A #10 CLEAR COUNTER.
 0419 97 F6 STA A M+1 LOAD UP 10
 041B 7F 00 F5 CLP M STOP 10
 041E BD 03 53 JEP PENT DIVIDE.
 0421 96 FC LDA A I+1 LOAD REMAINDER.
 0423 2C 01 BGE DPOI
 0425 40 NEG A HERE WHEN CONVERTING A NEGATIVE NUMBER.
 0426 BB 30 ADD A H\$30 CONVERT TO ASCII.
 0428 A7 00 STA A M+X STOP IN OUTPUT STRING.
 042A 9C INC B COUNT ONE.

042B 09 DEX
 042C 96 F5 LDA A M SEE IF OUTPUT IS ZERO YET.
 042E 9A F6 DPOA A M+1
 0430 26 0C RME DMOTO
 0432 7D 04 F1 TET ATEMP
 0435 51 06 BEQ DPLUS
 0437 86 2D LDA A #2D MINUS SIGN.
 0439 A7 00 STA A 0xk
 043C 09 DEX
 043C 5C INC R COUNT.
 043D 55 DPLUS RTS
 *
 * 043E 96 F5 DMOTO LDA A M MOVE QUOTIENT TO 1.
 0440 97 F8 STA A 1
 0442 95 F6 LDA A M+1
 0444 27 FC STA A 1+1
 0446 20 CF BRA DASH
 *
 * END OF CODE.
 0448 7A 01 CPLFD FCB \$D+BR+4 DATA FOR CP/LF
 0449 04 01 USRERR PTS USRERR SUPPLIED ERROR ROUTINE.
 END
 NO ERRORS DETECTED

LETTERS

Dear Staff,

Congratulations on "our" new magazine. The first issue looks like a good start, I know it was more work than I can imagine!

Concerning feedback; I would prefer proven applications, or at least ones that are in the works, additional routines for FLEX, 6800 tid bits for filler, and a good joke now and then. How about fixes from SWTP that they include with current kits that were not included with earlier ones, (I will be sending one in I found out about) How about if someone calls SWTP about a problem or question, and they feel the rest of us would be interested in the answer, they just drop you a post card? Quick easy filler.

As for color, the advertisers might prefer it, but for me, the cover is enough.

Two vendors I have had good service from, are Gimix and, World Wide Electronics.

I like the personal feeling of '68' Micro, and thanks for standing up for the 6800!

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P.S. Tell Assistant Editor Mickey Ferguson he owes me a letter.

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Hot MF-68 Stepper Motor Fix

On the first MF-68 Disk Systems after SWTP changed to Wangco drives, the LED on drive 0 was used to indicate power on, and head load. This not only was confusing but caused the drive 0 stepper motor to be energized all the time, and become quite hot compared to drive 1.

Later SWTP used Wangco drives that had been modified to remedy this over-heating problem, these modified drives are identified by the F revision after the drawing number, on the schematic that comes with the drives.

If your drives are revision E and the following fix was not included with your instructions, you'll probably want to add it.

On the disk controller board lift IC 4 pin 6, so that it is not connected to anything. Now drive 0 LED will only light when its head is loaded.

I still wanted a power on indicator, so I mounted a suitable LED one inch from the left side and centered in the silver area just above the SWTP logo. I connected the LED's cathode to ground and the anode through a 330 ohm resistor to plus 5 volts. Now I don't forget to turn it off!

One other item of possible interest, Texas Instruments 2516 is pin compatible to the 5 volt 2716 that is used with the SWTP MP-R Eprom Programmer. The 2516 I used was a 650 ns., but the programmer was still able to read and

write to it. I was using the new MP-2 processor board that has a 1 MH clock.

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'68' Micro Journal
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Dear Don,

The first issue of your (long overdue) '68' Micro Journal is indeed impressive. Congratulations. Your editorial says it all.

Due largely to your reply to the 'toy merchant', W. Green, I feel that your attitude deserves at least a two year's support, in the form of my subscription. (check enclosed)

After reading the entire journal, the following two facts seem very obvious:

1. The industry leader of the 6800 system is unmentioned. Hopefully, an oversight, soon to be corrected. I'm sure that you have noticed that all the recent 'new' products from SWTP, Gimix, Farter, and the others, are only attempts to catch up with some of the features that the users of MBI and their FD-8 system have been enjoying for more than two years. (note, we don't sell the FD-8 - we're just users) To date, I have not seen a news release or advertisement, which even claims to equal, or approach, the features or 'usability' of the FD-8. We have the SWTP computer, and use it everyday, but when the choice of disk memory came up, MBI was too much of a sacrifice, compared to the FD-8.

2. While reading the '68' Micro Journal, the impression kept re-occurring that perhaps I was reading a 'TSC benefit association' communiquae. TSC is good at what they do (they saved SWTP's life), but then there ARE other vendors, and us readers would prefer a broader coverage. (of course, advertising budgets must be considered) However, this particular evil is surely the factor with which Wayne Green is unable to cope, in his devotion to the bottom end systems which he supports.

We've got the best system - the 6800 - and your 'mag' has got to be a winner. We're on your side. Print it on newsprint, but keep it going.

Sincerely, *R.C. McKay*
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PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOP ON MICROCOMPUTER SOFTWARE

Christmas week 1979 at a quality Caribbean resort. Topics will include systems and application software as well as professional, educational and small business programs (grouped for the popular CPU's as well as available higher languages). Volunteers are needed now to help organize each area of interest. RSVP immediately for further details on this not-for-profit users' holiday-workshop. Families are welcome.

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subscriptions are received requesting a start with issue number 1. Others request issue 2 as a starting issue. Due to a couple of reasons, we can not honor these requests.

I understand that many would desire a full set, from issue number 1. However; issue number 1 is depleted. We are growing at a much faster pace than ever anticipated. Fact is, we are 752% ahead of where we thought we would be at this date in time.

Prior to our first issue, way back in September 1978, we commissioned a study and survey, to determine the market potential for our type publication. The results looked good, so I took the plunge. They sure missed the mark. We are better than 752 percent ahead of their predictions. This means that issue 1 backissues ran out quick.

I hope to rerun issue number 1, in the near future. The cost of such a project will be stiff. If you desire copies of issue number 1, please let us know. I need a feel of about how many to run next time around.

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-DMW-

TRANSFER (FLEX-1 to FLEX-2)

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Let's say that you have just upgraded to TSC's FLEX 2.0 on your minifloppy disk system. What happens to all those files you stored on MINIFLEX disks? Can you

just read them from FLEX 2.0? The answer is no. MINIFLEX sectors are 128 bytes long and FLEX 2.0 sectors are 256 bytes long. So you see, there is a problem. If you have enough memory so that FLEX 2.0 and MINIFLEX can both be in memory at once, this is a program that can help you. You must have memory from \$7000 to \$7FFF and from \$A000 to \$BFFF. To use this program, boot up your system with the FLEX 2.0 system disk. Exit by using the MON command. This will leave FLEX 2.0 in memory. Now boot up with the MINIFLEX system disk, again exit by using the MON command. This leaves MINIFLEX in memory. Re-enter FLEX 2.0 at \$AD03. Insert the MINIFLEX disk containing the file you desire to transfer into drive 1. A FLEX 2.0 disk with the TRANSFER command must be placed in drive 0. Be sure you have enough room on this disk for the file you wish to transfer from the MINIFLEX disk. If you divide the number of sectors in the source file by two, this will give the maximum number of sectors in the FLEX 2.0 copy. To transfer the file, simply type TRANSFER file spec. This might look like:

TRANSFER FILE.TXT.1

The drive number is not necessary. The source file will automatically be read from drive 1 and written to drive 0.

Let's go through the operation of the program and see how it works. Each version of FLEX keeps a current track table in the disk drivers to remember the current head position for each drive. TRANSFER first patches the MINIFLEX drivers to use the same table as FLEX 2.0. We want the right hand to know what the left hand is doing.

We now get the file name of the target file, by using a routine in FLEX called GETFIL (GFILE5). The name is left in the FLEX 2.0 file control block (FCB). Then we open a FLEX 2.0 file of the same name for writing on drive 0. Putting a 2 in the first word of the FCB opens the file for writing. Calling the routine SETEXT with 1 in the a register sets the default extension to txt. Setting the fourth word in the FCB to 0 selects drive 0. Space compression is turned off so that binary as well as text files may be transferred. Placing \$FF in word 59 of the FCB does this. If there are any errors we use the FLEX 2.0 error handler.

After we transfer the name of the file, a 1 is placed in the first word of the FCB. This indicates an open for read operation. These operations are the same as before, except that equivalent routines from MINIFLEX are used. The MINIFLEX file of the same name is now open for reading on drive 1. Space compression is again turned off. If we have any errors we use the MINIFLEX error handler.

Once both files are open, transferring the data is a simple matter. One byte at a time is read from the MINIFLEX file and written to the FLEX 2.0 file. Calling each file management system in turn is all it takes. This loop is exited by encountering an error. If all is working properly this is an end-of-file error. When this happens both files are closed and the program returns control to FLEX 2.0.

All errors are handled by the appropriate version of FLEX. The version encountering the error is printed to help you know where the problem is.

The reader is encouraged to buy copies of TSC'S Advanced Programmer's Guide to FLEX and Advanced Programmer's Guide to MINIFLEX. These contain a wealth of information for the system programmer.

Let's suppose you need to transfer a file back the other direction. Can you figure out how to do it?

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DW		NAM	TRANSFER
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	46		* TRANSFER UTILITY
	47		*
	48 0100		
	49 0100 20 01	ORG	\$100
	50 0102 01	TRNSFR	BRA
		FCB	START
		FCB	1
	51 0103 CE BE 99	START	LDX #\\$BE99
	52 0106 FF 7F ED	STX	\\$7FED
	53 0109 CE BE 95	LDX	#\\$BE95
	54 010C FF 7F E1	STX	\\$7FE1
	55 010F FF 7F F0	STX	\\$7FF0
	56		*
	57		* GET TARGET FILE NAME
	58		*
	59 0112 CE A8 40	LDX	#FCB2
	60 0115 BD AD 2D	JSR	GFILE2
	61 0118 25 74	BCS	ERROR3
	62		*

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63           * OPEN FLEX 2.0 FILE ON DRIVE 0 FOR WRITE
64           *
65 011A CE A8 40      LDX    #FCB2
66 011D 86 02      LDA A  #2      SET UP WRITE CODE
67 011F A7 00      STA A  0,X    SAVE OPEN FOR WRITE
68 0121 86 01      LDA A  #1
69 0123 BD AD 33      JSR    SEXT2   SET TEXT EXT
70 0126 86 00      LDA A  #0
71 0128 A7 03      STA A  3,X    SELECT DRIVE 0
72 012A BD B4 06      JSR    FMS2    OPEN FILE
73 012D 26 5F      BNE    ERROR3   BRANCH IF ERROR
74 012F 86 FF      LDA A  #$FF   TURN OFF SPACE COMP
75 0131 A7 3B      STA A  59,X

76           *
77           * OPEN MINIFLEX FILE ON DRIVE 1 FOR READ
78           *
79 0133 BD 01 A3      JSR    GETNAM   TRANSFER THE FILE NAME
80 0136 CE 77 40      LDX    #FCB
81 0139 86 01      LDA A  #1      SET UP READ CODE
82 013B A7 00      STA A  0,X
83 013D BD 71 2D      JSR    SETEXT   SET TEXT EXT
84 0140 86 01      LDA A  #1
85 0142 A7 03      STA A  3,X    SELECT DRIVE 1
86 0144 BD 78 06      JSR    FMS     OPEN FILE
87 0147 26 37      BNE    ERROR2   BRANCH IF ERROR
88 0149 86 FF      LDA A  #$FF   TURN OFF SPACE COMP
89 014B A7 3B      STA A  59,X

90           *
91           * TRANSFER FILE DATA
92           *
93 014D CE 77 40      LOOP   LDX    #FCB
94 0150 BD 78 06      JSR    FMS     GET CHAR FROM SOURCE
95 0153 26 OA      BNE    ERROR1   BRANCH IF ERROR
96 0155 CE A8 40      LDX    #FCB2
97 0158 BD B4 06      JSR    FMS2    WRITE CHAR TO DESTINATION
98 015B 26 31      BNE    ERROR3   BRANCH IF ERROR
99 015D 20 EE      BRA    LOOP    GO BACK FOR MORE

100          *
101          * MINIFLEX END-OF-FILE HANDLER
102          *
103 015F A6 01      ERROR1 LDA A  1,X    GET ERROR STATUS
104 0161 81 08      CMP A  #8      IS IT EOF?
105 0163 26 1B      BNE    ERROR2   NO, BRANCH
106 0165 CE 77 40      LDX    #FCB
107 0168 86 04      LDA A  #4      CLOSE FILE CODE
108 016A A7 00      STA A  0,X
109 016C BD 78 06      JSR    FMS     CLOSE MINIFLEX FILE
110 016F 26 OF      BNE    ERROR2   BRANCH IF CLOSE ERROR
111 0171 CE A8 40      LDX    #FCB2
112 0174 86 04      LDA A  #4
113 0176 A7 00      STA A  0,X
114 0178 BD B4 06      JSR    FMS2    CLOSE FLEX 2.0 FILE
115 017B 26 11      BNE    ERROR3   BRANCH IF ERROR
116 017D 7E AD 03      JMP    WARMS2   RETURN TO FLEX 2.0

117          *
118          * FLEX 2.0 ERROR HANDLER
119          *
120 0180 CE 02 12      ERROR2 LDX    #MSG1
121 0183 BD AD 1E      JSR    PSTRNG  PRINT "MINIFLEX"
122 0186 CE 77 40      LDX    #FCB

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123 0189 BD 71 3C      JSR      RPTERR   REPORT ERROR #
124 018C 20 OC      BRA      ERROR4    EXIT
125 *
126 * MINIFLEX ERROR HANDLER
127 *
128 018E CE 02 1B  ERROR3  LDX      #MSG2
129 0191 BD AD 1E      JSR      PSTRNG   PRINT "FLEX 2.0"
130 0194 CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
131 0197 BD AD 3F      JSR      RERR2    REPORT ERROR #
132 019A BD 78 03  ERROR4  JSR      FMSCLS   CLOSE ALL MINIFLEX FILES
133 019D BD B4 03      JSR      FMSCL2   CLOSE ALL FLEX 2.0 FILES
134 01A0 7E AD 03      JMP      WARMS2   RETURN TO FLEX 2.0
135 *
136 *
137 *
138 01A3 CE A8 40  GETNAM  LDX      #FCB2
139 01A6 A6 04      LDA A    4,X
140 01A8 CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
141 01AB A7 04      STA A    4,X
142 01AD CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
143 01B0 A6 05      LDA A    5,X
144 01B2 CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
145 01B5 A7 05      STA A    5,X
146 01B7 CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
147 01BA A6 06      LDA A    6,X
148 01BC CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
149 01BF A7 06      STA A    6,X
150 01C1 CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
151 01C4 A6 07      LDA A    7,X
152 01C6 CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
153 01C9 A7 07      STA A    7,X
154 01CB CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
155 01CE A6 08      LDA A    8,X
156 01D0 CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
157 01D3 A7 08      STA A    8,X
158 01D5 CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
159 01D8 A6 09      LDA A    9,X
160 01DA CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
161 01DD A7 09      STA A    9,X
162 01DF CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
163 01E2 A6 0A      LDA A    10,X
164 01E4 CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
165 01E7 A7 0A      STA A    10,X
166 01E9 CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
167 01EC A6 0B      LDA A    11,X
168 01EE CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
169 01F1 A7 0B      STA A    11,X
170 01F3 CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
171 01F6 A6 0C      LDA A    12,X
172 01F8 CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
173 01FB A7 0C      STA A    12,X
174 01FD CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
175 0200 A6 0D      LDA A    13,X
176 0202 CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
177 0205 A7 0D      STA A    13,X
178 0207 CE A8 40      LDX      #FCB2
179 020A A6 0E      LDA A    14,X
180 020C CE 77 40      LDX      #FCB
181 020F A7 0E      STA A    14,X
182 0211 39          RTS

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183      *
184      *
185      *
186 0212 4D      MSG1    FCC    /MINIFLEX/
      0213 49 4E
      0215 49 46
      0217 4C 45
      0219 58
187 021A 04
188 021B 46      MSG2    FCB    4
      021C 4C 45
      021E 58 20
      0220 32 2E
      0222 30
189 0223 04      FCB    4
190                      END    TRNSFR

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NO ERROR(S) DETECTED

SYMBOL TABLE:

ERROR1 015F	ERROR2 0180	ERROR3 018E	ERROR4 019A	FCB 7740
FCB2 A840	FMS 7806	FMS2 B406	FMSCL2 B403	FMSCLS 7803
GETNAM 01A3	GFILE2 AD2D	LOOP 014D	MSG1 0212	MSG2 021B
PSTRNG AD1E	RERR2 AD3F	RPTERR 713C	SETEXT 712D	SEXT2 AD33
START 0103	TRNSFR 0100	WARMS2 AD03		

A 6800 TIMING DELAY

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An important tool for 'real-time' programming is the time delay. It is a necessary program for design of home applications. It can be used in burglar alarm systems, home control, games, and in any case where software timing is required.

In the case of an alarm system, the time delay can be used for pulsing the alarm bell, when a break-in is detected. If the alarm is battery operated, this will reduce battery drain. It will also keep the neighborhood annoyance to a minimum. A two minute 'on' time and a one minute 'off', with a one or two hour automatic shut-down, would be adequate.

Program delays may be used in controlling home appliances. An electric coffee pot may be interfaced to your system, through an AC control box. Using a delay as part of your program, you can enter in the amount of time required to make the desired strength of coffee. Your system will activate the AC control box, which will turn on the coffee. After a pre-determined time the coffee will be done and the pot will be turned off. Then, an alarm will be activated, indicating that your coffee is ready.

TIMING

Processor timing is important to the design of delays.

The speed and number of cycles required for instruction execution is necessary for accurate design.

The 6800 operates at 1 mHz. This means that the processor cycle is 1 μ s. An instruction, such as BRA, requires 2 processor cycles to be executed, or 2 μ s. This information is available, for each instruction, in the M6800 Microprocessor Instruction Set Summary.

The average number of cycles per instruction is 4. A four line program may take about 20 μ s to run, if there are no loops in the program.

A typical time delay subroutine is given below. It will delay 1 millisecond each time it is called. Accumulator B is used to set a count of 165 μ s. Each time the program loops, from step 4 to step 2, the computer wastes 6 μ s. Accumulator B is decremented, and checked for zero. When it reaches zero, the loop is broken and the 6800 executes a CMPX 0000 and an RTS. This adds the remaining time to complete the 1

millisecond delay. This subroutine may be a basis for other length delays. If it's looped 100 times, you have a 100 millisecond delay, and so on.

1 MILLISECOND DELAY

LINE #	ADDRESS	OBJECT CODE	MNEMONIC	
0001	0100	C6 F0	ILLI	Set 165 count
0002	0102	5A	UP	Decrement B
0003	0103	27 02	BEQ OUT	If=0, out
0004	0105	20 FB	BRA UP	Continue
0005	0107	8C 0000	OUT CPX 0000	Waste time
0006	010A	39	RTS	Return
0007			END	

MNEMONIC	# OF CYCLES
LDAB	2
DECB	2 ----
BEQ	2 ---- = 6 uS
BRA	2 ----
CPX	3
RTS	5

CALCULATION

$$6 \text{ uS} \times 165 = 990 \text{ uS}$$

$$990 \text{ uS} + 2 \text{ uS} + 3 \text{ uS} + 5 \text{ uS} = 1000 \text{ uS}$$

$$1000 \text{ uS} = 1 \text{ Millisecond}$$

MAKE LIKE A 6809

M6809 Emulator by the Micro Works

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Amidst the excitement of a new chip, the 6809, which promises far greater computer power than the 6800, the Micro Works have produced a software package that allows prospective 6809 users a preliminary glimpse at the characteristics of the new computer.

The package includes the Emulator at three different memory locations, 3000, 6000, and C000. There is also a textfile including part of a well notated assembly listing. It contains all the documentation necessary to run the program.

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THE TERMINAL-



Until recently all terminal functions were designed with hardware logic. A relatively simple terminal with limited functions could easily require as many as sixty or more integrated circuits. More sophisticated terminals with a moderate amount of intelligence could easily have over a hundred IC's. All this has now changed. With the introduction of MOS video controller circuits it has become possible to design a terminal using a controller and a microprocessor that will perform almost any imaginable function with software. The CT-82 has one hundred twenty-eight separate functions—all of which are software driven. It contains fewer parts than most "dumb" terminals.

The normal screen format is 16 lines (20 lines selectable) with 82 characters per line. This is an upper-lower case display with a 7 x 12 dot matrix. The high resolution characters are displayed on a Motorola Data Products M-2000 series monitor with a green P-31 phosphor. This monitor has a 12 MHz video bandwidth and dynamic focus circuits to insure a crisp well focused display over the entire face of the tube. An alternate all capital letter format is available (optional) with 16, 20 or 22 lines and 92 characters per line. The lower case portion of this character set has graphic symbols. In this mode the lines may be moved together to give a solid figure or line. Direct cursor addressing combined with the plotting capability makes it possible to indicate the end points of a line and then to automatically draw a line between them.

Both the monitor and the character generator have sockets provided for alternate material in the form of an EPROM. This

makes it possible to have special terminal functions, or character sets that can be switched in under computer control.

The CT-82 has its own internal editing functions. This allows inserting and deleting lines and characters, erasing quadrants, or lines; doing rolls, scrolls, slides and other similar functions. The CT-82 can block transmit completed material to the computer, or output material to its own remote printer through the built-in parallel printer I/O port. The terminal can be programmed to operate at any system baud rate that is normally used from 50 to 38,400. The baud rate may be changed at any time within this range with a software command.

The cursor position, type of cursor, cursor ON-OFF and blinking are all provided. A command is provided to print control characters and also to turn on and off a tape punch, or tape reader. Protected fields, shift inversion, dual intensity and many other miscellaneous features make the CT-82 one of the most flexible terminals available.

A fifty-six key alphanumeric keyboard plus a twelve key cursor pad is standard. A numeric pad may be substituted for the cursor pad (optional). Connection to the terminal is through a standard DB 25 connector and RS-232 signal levels. The CT-82 operates from 100, 115, 220, or 240 VAC at 50 to 60 Hz. It weighs 20 lbs, and is a compact 18" wide, 10" high and 18" deep.

CT-82 Intelligent Terminal

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THE EDITOR-

The only microprocessor editor with all the features and ease of use normally found only on large machines. "THE EDITOR" lets you fully use the CT-82's capabilities.

LINE POINTER —Now you understand why the CT-82 has 82 columns. The left two columns are used for a line pointer, which indicates the line of text being edited.

FILE WRAPAROUND—"THE EDITOR" may make multiple passes over the file being edited without restarting the editor.

AUTOMATIC CARRIAGE RETURN—The last word in a line will automatically be started on the next line if it will not fit in the space remaining on the line.

SIMPLE COMMANDS—Commands consists of a single letter, or a key press on the cursor pad. No complicated format to be learned and remembered.

MULTIPLE COMMANDS and REPEATS—Command line may have more than one command. "THE EDITOR" will execute command strings sequentially. Repeat function allows changes in a string through the text file.

SOURCE TEXT TABS—Tab stops appropriate for source text input may be set to operate from the space bar, or any other key.

SHIFT INVERSION—The keyboard may be set to produce either capital, or lower case letters when shift is used.

SCREEN POSITIONING—Scroll up, scroll down, line pointer up, line pointer down, home file, top of memory, bottom of memory, move relative to pointed line and form feed are provided.

"THE EDITOR" is available only for Southwest Technical Products computer systems using the CT-82 and running under FLEX-5®, or FLEX-8® operating systems. It may be used to edit any files, or programs compatible with the DOS, except binary files. Edited files are compatible with the TSC Text Processing program. The combination makes a powerful and inexpensive word processing system.

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To use the program, one enters 6809 code at a convenient spot in memory using the ROM monitor. If not already done, the Emulator program is then loaded in a location, in memory, not in conflict with the data.

Then cause the monitor to jump to -8A7 (- indicates 3, 6 or C). The Emulator has its own small monitor which uses an exclamation point for a prompt. Acceptable replies include "J", "S", "R", space or carriage return.

"R" causes the 6809 registers to be displayed. A "J" or "S" causes a space to be pointed to the terminal. The address of the 6809 code is typed on the terminal. If "J", the Emulator will begin to execute the code, printing a listing of all 6809 registers for each instruction. The number of instructions to be executed is determined by the value of the contents of the "A" register.

The "S" instruction causes the Emulator to single step through the 6809 code. Typing a "space" will cause execution of the next step. A carriage return will cause return to computer monitor. Illegal commands are ignored.

The Emulator is obviously not going to be used to examine elaborate program written in 6809 code. The 6809 is meant to be programmed in assembly language because many instructions have post-instruction bytes in which each bit has a specific meaning (like the condition-code of the 6800).

For experimentation with small sequences of code and for studying the numerous new stack manipulation and addressing instructions in the 6809, the M6809 Emulator by Micro Works is an excellent tool.

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SOME BASIC GAMES

In keeping with what my accountant calls my books, I will attempt to start a Fantasy game group for the 6800. The following programs written in Computerware basic, should run in most machines without changes. They do require a disk and sequential files. They were originally developed on a cassette system but have been rewritten for disk. The first program runs very slowly and generates ten files on the disk that contain an array of numbers that represent a 10 by 10 matrix of rooms. The rooms form a maze and there is at least one path through from the top (north) to the bottom (south). If the disk already contains a set of files, it will erase and replace them. If some of the code looks clumsy, that is because there are later versions of this that do more things. By the way, the name I

call it is "maz.gen". Normally I run this only about once every 2 or 3 months, and some users have not run it a second time at all.

The second program is the actual game(?). It does not display the rules as most fantasy games require that you learn by doing. This opens by getting one of the room files at random. That will prevent memorization. Once the room file is loaded it will place the player IN the first room (without telling its' position) and prompt for a direction to travel. From there on it is a fight to get out the south side exit with whatever loot you find along the way. The subroutines that control the gold and danger statistics can easily be modified by the user to reflect his/her own sadistic inclinations. In the data line that contains I,I,,,I,I the spaces between the commas have some acceptable control character (cntrl d) between them.

I am interested in seeing what variations turn up on this game over the months. Also be it known that there is a VERY large version coming along (not for free) that uses 32k, supports several players, (not necessarily at the same time), remembers your last move, and includes many goodies. Enough for the plug - now the listings.

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0010 REM THIS PROGRAMME IS THE PROPERTY OF
0020 REM H H H ENTERPRISES, BOX 493, LAUREL, MD.
0030 REM ZIP 20810. ALL RIGHTS ARE RESERVED.
0040 REM USE OF THIS PROGRAMME IS FOR PERSONAL ONLY.
0050 REM THIS CANNOT BE DUPLICATED, SOLD OR GIVEN
0060 REM AWAY WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT OF H H H ENTERPRISES.
0070 REM THIS GENERATES, ON A DISK, 10 SETS OF
0080 REM SEQUENTIAL FILES THAT CONTAIN 100 ROOMS
0090 REM IN THE FORM OF A MAZE THAT ARE USED BY
0100 REM THE PROGRAMME "EXPLOR", (VER. 1.XXX THIS
0110 REM CANNOT BE USED WITH VERSIONS ABOVE 1.999).
0120 LINE= 0
0130 BASE= 0
0140 DIM A(11,11),B(11,11)
0150 FOR Z=1 TO 10
0160 LET G$="MAZ"+STR$(Z)+".DAT"
0170 IF FCHK G$<>0 THEN 190
0180 FDEL G$
0190 OPEN 1,G$
0200 PRINT "WORKING ON ";G$
0210 FOR I=1 TO 10:FOR J=1 TO 10
0220 LET A(I,J)=0:NEXT J:NEXT I
0230 FOR I=0 TO 11:A(I,0)=-1:NEXT I
0240 FOR I=0 TO 11:A(I,11)=-1:NEXT I
0250 FOR I=0 TO 11:A(0,I)=-1:A(11,I)=-1:NEXT I
0260 FOR I=0 TO 11:FOR J=0 TO 11
0270 LET B(I,J)=3
0280 NEXT J:NEXT I
0290 LET H=10:V=10
0300 LET D=INT(RND*H)+1
0310 LET A(1,D)=1
0320 GOTO 560
0330 LET X1=INT(RND*3)-1
0340 LET A=RND
0350 LET Y1=INT(RND*3)-1
0360 IF X1=0 THEN 390
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0370 IF Y1=0 THEN 390
0380 GOTO 330
0390 IF X1+X<1 THEN 330
0400 IF Y1+Y<1 THEN 330
0410 IF X1+X>V THEN 330
0420 IF Y1+Y>H THEN 330
0430 IF A(X+1,Y)=0 THEN 480
0440 IF A(X-1,Y)=0 THEN 480
0450 IF A(X,Y+1)=0 THEN 480
0460 IF A(X,Y-1)=0 THEN 480
0470 LET K=1:RETURN
0480 IF A(X+X1,Y+Y1)<>0 THEN 330
0490 IF X1=0 THEN 520
0500 IF X1>0 THEN B(X,Y)=B(X,Y)-2:GOTO 540
0510 LET B(X-1,Y)=B(X-1,Y)-2:GOTO 540
0520 IF Y1>0 THEN B(X,Y)=B(X,Y)-1:GOTO 540
0530 LET B(X,Y-1)=B(X,Y-1)-1
0540 LET A(X1+X,Y+Y1)=A(X,Y)+1:X=X+X1:Y=Y+Y1
0550 GOTO 330
0560 LET X=1:Y=D
0570 GOSUB 330
0580 LET M=0
0590 FOR I=1 TO V:FOR J=1 TO H
0600 IF A(I,J)<>0 THEN 700
0610 IF A(I+1,J)<1 THEN 630
0620 LET X=I+1:Y=J:GOTO 690
0630 IF A(I-1,J)<1 THEN 650
0640 LET X=I-1:Y=J:GOTO 690
0650 IF A(I,J-1)<1 THEN 670
0660 LET X=I:Y=J-1:GOTO 690
0670 IF A(I,J+1)<1 THEN 700
0680 LET X=I:Y=J+1
0690 LET M=1:I=V:J=H
0700 NEXT J
0710 NEXT I
0720 IF M<>0 THEN GOTO 570
0730 LET B=0
0740 FOR J=1 TO H
0750 IF A(V,J)>B THEN B=A(V,J)
0760 NEXT J
0770 FOR J=1 TO H
0780 IF A(V,J)=B THEN B(V,J)=B(V,J)-2:J=H
0790 NEXT J
0800 REM NOW WRITE TO THE DISK
0810 WRITE 1.D
0820 FOR J=1 TO 10:FOR I=1 TO 10
0830 WRITE 1,B(J,I)
0840 NEXT I:NEXT J
0850 CLOSE 1
0860 NEXT Z
0870 END

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0010 REM THIS IS "EXPLOR", A GAME FROM H H H ENTERPRISES
0020 REM THIS USES 10 SEQUENTIAL FILES THAT CONTAIN
0030 REM A MAZE OF ROOMS FROM THE DISK AND PICKS ONE
0040 REM AT RANDOM TO USE
0050 REM THE OPTION OF THE WIND IS NOT IMPLEMENTED IN THIS
0060 REM VERSION. ALL RIGHTS REMAIN WITH H H H ENTERPRISES

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0070 REM AND THIS GAME CANNOT BE USED FOR OTHER THAN PERSONAL
0080 REM USE AND CANNOT BE SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY WITHOUT PERMISSION
0090 REM OF H H H ENTERPRISES IN WRITING.
0100 GOTO 150
0110 FOR Z1=1 TO 5:NEXT Z1
0120 RETURN
0130 PRINT A$;
0140 RETURN
0150 LINE= 0
0160 LET D$="MAZ"
0170 DIM A$(12)
0180 DIM O$(5),O(5)
0190 FOR I=1 TO 5
0200 READ O$(I),O(I)
0210 NEXT I
0220 LET M=0
0230 LET H3=10
0240 LET E=0
0250 FOR I=1 TO 7
0260 READ A$(I)
0270 NEXT I
0280 FOR I=3 TO 5
0290 LET A$(I)=" "
0300 NEXT I
0310 DIM D(10,10)
0320 LET X=INT(RND(0)*10)+1
0330 LET G$=D$+STR$(X)+".DAT"
0340 OPEN 1,G$
0350 READ 1,X9 : REM ENTRANCE DOOR LOCATION
0360 FOR V=1 TO 10
0370 FOR H=1 TO 10
0380 READ 1,D(V,H)
0390 NEXT H
0400 NEXT V
0410 CLOSE 1
0420 GOTO 590
0430 PRINT "I----- -----I"
0440 RETURN
0450 PRINT "I----- -----I"
0460 RETURN
0470 LET X7=1:IF INT(D(V1,H1))<>D(V1,H1) THEN X7=2
0480 FOR I=1 TO 7
0490 ON X8 GOSUB 570,550
0500 PRINT TAB(20);
0510 ON INT(D(V1,H1))+1 GOSUB 570,550,570,550
0520 PRINT
0530 NEXT I
0540 RETURN
0550 PRINT "I";
0560 RETURN
0570 PRINT A$(I);
0580 RETURN
0590 GOSUB 2480
0600 LET V1=1:H1=X9
0610 PRINT "YOU ARE STANDING IN THE "
0620 PRINT "ENTRANCE TO A CASTLE'S DUNGEONS."
0630 PRINT "TO SPECIFY A DIRECTION TYPE:"
0640 PRINT "N= NORTH (UP)"
0650 PRINT "S= SOUTH (DOWN)"
0660 PRINT "E= EAST (RIGHT)"

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0670 PRINT "W= WEST (LEFT)"
0680 PRINT "R= REST (STAND STILL)"
0690 PRINT "YOUR TORCH ONLY ILLUMINATES"
0700 PRINT "AN AREA OF APROX. 10' BY 10'.""
0710 PRINT "WATCH OUT FOR THE WIND!"
0720 PRINT "WHEN READY HIT RETURN.";
0730 INPUT Z$
0740 GOTO 1110
0750 IF V1=1 THEN IF H1=X9 THEN GOSUB 430
0760 IF V1=1 THEN IF H1<>X9 THEN GOSUB 450
0770 IF V1>1 THEN 800
0780 GOTO 840
0790 GOTO 840
0800 IF INT(D(V1-1,H1))<2 THEN 830 ,
0810 GOSUB 450
0820 GOTO 840
0830 GOSUB 430
0840 LET X8=1
0850 IF H1=1 THEN X8=2
0860 IF H1>1 THEN 890
0870 GOSUB 470
0880 GOTO 920
0890 IF D(V1,H1-1)=1 THEN X8=2
0900 IF D(V1,H1-1)=3 THEN X8=2
0910 GOSUB 470
0920 ON INT(D(V1,H1))+1 GOTO 430,430,450,450
0930 PRINT
0940 PRINT "WHAT DIRECTION";
0950 INPUT Z$
0960 FOR Z1=1 TO 8
0970 IF Z$="N" THEN 1030
0980 IF Z$="S" THEN 1050
0990 IF Z$="E" THEN 1070
1000 IF Z$="W" THEN 1090
1010 IF Z$="R" THEN 1100
1020 GOTO 940
1030 LET V2=-1
1040 RETURN
1050 LET V2=1
1060 RETURN
1070 LET H2=1
1080 RETURN
1090 LET H2=-1
1100 RETURN
1110 REM THIS IS START OF DISPLAY
1120 GOSUB 130
1130 LET V2=0
1140 LET H2=0
1150 GOSUB 2240
1160 GOSUB 750
1170 GOSUB 930
1180 IF V1+V2<1 THEN 2070
1190 IF V1+V2>10 THEN 1500
1200 IF H1+H2<1 THEN 1370
1210 IF H1+H2>10 THEN 1370
1220 IF V2<>0 THEN 1290
1230 IF H2<>0 THEN 1330
1240 GOSUB 1740
1250 IF H3<=0 THEN 1650
1260 GOSUB 2120

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1270 GOSUB 2090
1280 GOTO 1110
1290 LET X6=0:IF V2=-1 THEN X6=-1
1300 IF INT(D(V1+X6,H1))>=2 THEN 1370
1310 LET V1=V1+V2
1320 GOTO 1240
1330 LET X6=0:IF H2=-1 THEN X6=-1
1340 IF INT(D(V1,H1+X6))<>0 THEN IF INT(D(V1,H1+X6))<>2 THEN 1370
1350 LET H1=H1+H2
1360 GOTO 1240
1370 PRINT "HIT YOUR HEAD ON WALL"
1380 PRINT "HEALTH SUFFERS '-1'."
1390 LET H3=H3-1
1400 GOSUB 2480
1410 GOTO 1240
1420 PRINT "THIS IS THE ENTRANCE"
1430 PRINT "ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO "
1440 PRINT "LEAVE";
1450 INPUT Z$
1460 IF LEFT$(Z$,1)="Y" THEN 1590
1470 LET V2=0
1480 GOSUB 930
1490 GOTO 1180
1500 IF INT(D(V1,H1))<>3 THEN IF INT(D(V1,H1))<>1 THEN 1370
1510 PRINT "THIS IS THE EXIT."
1520 PRINT "ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO"
1530 PRINT "LEAVE";
1540 INPUT Z$
1550 IF LEFT$(Z$,1)="Y" THEN 2300
1560 LET V2=0
1570 GOSUB 930
1580 GOTO 1180
1590 REM
1600 IF E>0 THEN 1620
1610 PRINT "C H I C K E N ! ! "
1620 GOSUB 2240
1630 PRINT "BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!"
1640 GOTO 2400
1650 REM
1660 GOSUB 2240
1670 PRINT
1680 PRINT "TOO BAD!!!!!!"
1690 PRINT "YOU ARE DEAD ! ! ! ! "
1700 LET M=0
1710 GOTO 2400
1720 DATA GARGOYLE,2,DRAGON,4,WARLOCK,3,TROLL,1,TAX COLLECTOR,2
1730 DATA I,I,,,I,I:REM THE NONPRINTING CHAR. ARE CNTRL D
1740 IF Z$="R" THEN 1770
1750 IF RND(0)<.08 THEN 1790
1760 RETURN
1770 IF RND(0)<.2 THEN 1790
1780 RETURN
1790 PRINT "SURPRISE! A ";
1800 LET R=INT(RND(0)*5+1)
1810 PRINT O$(R)
1820 PRINT "WANTS TO FIGHT."
1830 PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT";
1840 INPUT Z$
1850 IF LEFT$(Z$,1)="Y" THEN 1960
1860 PRINT "YOU ARE RUNNING AWAY AND"

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1870 PRINT "GET LOST.....OR KILLED...."
1880 LET V1=INT(RND(0)*10+1)
1890 LET H1=INT(RND(0)*10+1)
1900 LET H2=0
1910 LET V2=0
1920 LET H3=H3-1
1930 IF RND(0)<.077 THEN H3=0
1940 GOSUB 2480
1950 RETURN
1960 REM
1970 PRINT "BE BRAVE - THE FIGHT IS ON - ---"
1980 PRINT "-----"
1990 IF RND(0)>.97 THEN 2030
2000 PRINT "YOU WON!! BUT HAVE SOME DAMAGE."
2010 LET H3=H3-O(R)
2020 RETURN
2030 PRINT "YOU LOST. HEAVY DAMAGE TO YOUR"
2040 PRINT "HEALTH. YOU LOST ";(O(R)*2);"POINTS."
2050 LET H3=H3-(O(R)*2)
2060 RETURN
2070 IF H1<>X9 THEN 1370
2080 GOTO 1420
2090 IF H3>9 THEN RETURN
2100 LET H3=H3+.25
2110 RETURN
2120 IF RND(0)>.8 THEN 2140
2130 RETURN
2140 PRINT "SURPRISE!! YOU FOUND GOLD!"
2150 PRINT "WORTH ";
2160 LET L=INT(RND(0)*100+10)
2170 IF RND(0)>.92 THEN 2220
2180 PRINT L
2190 LET M=M+L
2200 GOSUB 2480
2210 RETURN
2220 LET L=INT(RND(0)*10E4+1E3)
2230 GOTO 2180
2240 PRINT "YOUR HEALTH IS";
2250 PRINT H3
2260 PRINT "YOUR CASH VALUE IS $";M
2270 PRINT
2280 RETURN
2290 REM
2300 GOSUB 2240
2310 IF M>10000 THEN 2350
2320 IF M>1000 THEN 2380
2330 PRINT "CHICKEN!!!!"
2340 GOTO 2400
2350 PRINT "GOOD JOB! NOW GO PUT A DOWN"
2360 PRINT "PAYMENT ON A CASTLE."
2370 GOTO 2400
2380 PRINT "NOT MUCH $ BUT AT LEAST YOU"
2390 PRINT "LIVED."
2400 PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO TRY AGAIN?";
2410 INPUT Z$
2420 IF LEFT$(Z$,1)="Y" THEN 2450
2430 IF LEFT$(Z$,1)="N" THEN END
2440 GOTO 2400
2450 LET H3=10
2460 GOTO 590
2470 END
2480 FOR Z=1 TO 100
2490 NEXT Z
2500 RETURN

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A STAFF REVIEW
The 68 Micro Journal Lab

One item often needed, but not always available is a way to point-to-point trouble shoot a SS 50 bus, and not bend or disturb other system boards. Due to the close spacing (especially a well filled system) of the slots of the motherboard it is next to impossible to get scope or meter leads to the proper place, without disturbing something else.

The 68 Micro Journal lab received, for evaluation, a set of Transition Enterprises, Inc.'s 'Extender Boards'. The set is two boards, one 30 pin and the other 20 pin. This allows the extension of either set of slots, by using both on the 50 pin slots. They come complete with a full set of connectors, both top and bottom, allowing simple construction and use. Total construction time: 20 minutes.

The quality of the fiberglass boards is excellent and the foil runs wide (low noise). The connectors are 'Molex' (TM) as used on other SS 50 bus devices. The price is certainly right; \$19.95. They may be ordered from:

Transition Enterprises, Inc. Star Route Box 241, Buckeye, AZ, 85326

A 68 Micro Journal lab rating of AAA.

Rating scale:

AAA - Excellent

AA - Good

A - Fair (could be better but works)

P - Poor and may not work

X - Not recommended for children (or anything else)

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BOOT (FLEX-BFD)

Here is a routine which can be used by readers using the BFD to FLEX conversion detailed in Issue Number One of '68' Micro Journal. It allows the user to boot directly into the FLEX operating system from a cold start by typing, "J 8020."

To make this addition it is only necessary to assemble the source code accompanying this article. After it is assembled the resulting binary file must be appended to the NEWDISK1.CMD file that

was described in Issue Number One.

If the user calls the appended file, NEWDISK2.CMD, and retains NEWDISK1.CMD, he will indeed have the best of both worlds.

With NEWDISK1.CMD he can create a disk which may be booted by any SWTPC MF-68 user. Conversely, with NEWDISK2.CMD, he will be able to create a disk which may be booted by any BFD-68 user.

It should be noted that after the new disk is initialized with either NEWDISK1.CMD or NEWDISK2.CMD, the DOS.SYS file must be copied to the disk and LINKed to the boot with the LINK utility. Of course, if you have a special program that does not require the DOS.SYS for operation, you could LINK to it instead. Use your imagination.

It should be noted that I placed the boot loader I/O buffer in low memory so that it would not write over the first part of the mini-FLEX system which starts at \$7080.

One final thought. Users who wish to use my BFD to FLEX conversions on a system that utilizes interrupts will want to set the interrupt flag when they enter a disk operation. I did not do this in the source in the original listing. Here is a listing of the READ routine patch as adopted for use with interrupts.

```
READ NOP
      SEI
      STA A BFDTREG
      STA B BFDSRG
      STX BFDSBU
      JSR BFDRED
      NOP
      CLI
      RTS
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The write and verify routine also require this change for operation with interrupts. Readers will find complete details to the conversion in '68' Micro Journal, Issue Number One. I hope you find the new boot routines a helpful addition to my original conversion.

NAM BOOT

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- * 'The following routines can be assembled. Then, the resulting binary file may be appended to the NEWDISK1.CMD prepared as suggested on Page 15 of Issue Number one of '68' Micro Journal.

- * The new file created by the append can be called NEWDISK2.CMD.
- * If this is done then, NEWDISK1.CMD will create a disk which can be booted by an MF-68 system.

- * NEWDISK2.CMD however, will create a disk which can be booted by any BFD-68 system.

- * To boot a disk initialized by NEWDISK2.CMD a BFD-68 user needs only to type J 8020.
- * This will bring up the FLEX system.

0534		ORG	\$534	
0534 8E A0 79	BOOT	LDS	#\$A079	
0537 20 38		BRA	START	
0539 00		FCB	0,2	
053A 02				
053B CE 10 C8	READ	LDX	#\$10C8	place buffer in low memory
053E B6 70 05		LDA A	\$7005	get track number
0541 F6 70 06		LDA B	\$7006	and Sector Number
0544 FF A0 7E	READ1	STX	\$A07E	point to buffer
0547 B7 A0 7C		STA A	\$A07C	and track
054A F7 A0 7D		STA B	\$A07D	and sector
054D BD 80 29		JSR	\$8029	BFD-68 Read routine
0550 26 E2		BNE	BOOT	If errors keep trying
0552 CE 10 CC		LDX	#\$10CC	
0555 FF 70 0B	READ3	STX	\$700B	
0558 39		RTS		
0559 FE 70 0B	READ4	LDX	\$700B	
055C 8C 11 48		CPX	#\$1148	end of buffer?
055F 27 05		BEQ	READ5	yes, go
0561 A6 00		LDA A	0,X	else, get next character
0563 08		INX		and bump pointer
0564 20 EF		BRA	READ3	and loop till done
0566 CE 10 C8	READ5	LDX	#\$10C8	buffer
0569 A6 00		LDA A	0,X	get new track pointer
056B E6 01		LDA B	1,X	and new sector pointer
056D 8D D5		BSR	READ1	and go read it
056F 20 E8		BRA	READ4	
0571 BD 80 38	START	JSR	\$8038	BFD-68 Restore
0574 8D C5		BSR	READ	go read first sector in
0576 8D E1	READ6	BSR	READ4	
0578 81 02		CMP A	#\$02	start of file?
057A 27 13		BEQ	READ7	yes
057C 81 16		CMP A	#\$16	reached transfer address?
057E 26 F6		BNE	READ6	no keep reading
0580 8D D7		BSR	READ4	get transfer address from buffer
0582 B7 70 07		STA A	\$7007	and store it
0585 8D D2		BSR	READ4	get rest of it
0587 B7 70 08		STA A	\$7008	and store it
058A FE 70 07		LDX	\$7007	point to it

058D 6E 00 JMP 0,X and go execute it (FLEX).

058F 8D C8	READ7	BSR	READ4
0591 36		PSH A	
0592 8D C5		BSR	READ4
0594 33		PUL B	
0595 B7 70 0A		STA A	\$700A
0598 F7 70 09		STA B	\$7009
059B 8D BC		BSR	READ4
059D 16		TAB	
059E 27 D6		BEQ	READ6
05A0 37	READ8	PSH B	
05A1 8D B6		BSR	READ4
05A3 33		PUL B	
05A4 FE 70 09		LDX	\$7009
05A7 A7 00		STA A	0,X
05A9 08		INX	
05AA FF 70 09		STX	\$7009
05AD 5A		DEC B	
05AE 26 F0		BNE	READ8
05B0 20 C4		BRA	READ6

END

NO ERROR(S) DETECTED

SYMBOL TABLE:

BOOT	0534	READ	053B	READ1	0544	READ3	0555	READ4	0559
READS	0566	READ6	0576	READ7	058F	READ8	05A0	START	0571

FREEZE DISPLAY — SSB

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HERE IS THE LISTING OF A USEFUL PATCH TO THE SMOKE SIGNAL BROADCASTING DISK SYSTEM. IT CAUSES A CONTROL/S TYPED ON THE CONSOLE KEYBOARD TO FREEZE THE CONSOLE DISPLAY UNTIL EITHER A CONTROL/Q OR A CONTROL/C IS TYPED. THE CONTROL/Q WILL RESUME THE DISPLAY WHERE IT LEFT OFF AND THE CONTROL/C WILL ABORT THE PROGRAM GENERATING THE DISPLAY AND RETURN TO THE OPERATING SYSTEM. IF YOU ARE A NEW USER OF THE SSB DISK SYSTEM, YOU MAY BE WONDERING HOW TO STOP THE DIRECTORY LISTING FROM GOING OFF THE TERMINAL SCREEN BEFORE YOU CAN READ IT. THIS PATCH WILL SOLVE THAT PROBLEM, AND IT WILL ALSO WORK FOR ALL TRANSIENTS OR OTHER PROGRAMS, (BASIC FOR EXAMPLE) THAT VECTOR THEIR CONSOLE I/O THROUGH THE OPERATING SYSTEM.

NOTE IN THE ASSEMBLY LISTING THAT THE PATCH ASSUMES THE CONTROL PORT FOR THE CONSOLE IS AN ACIA STARTING AT \$B004 (PORT 1) AND THE ROM MONITOR CHARACTER OUTPUT ROUTINE STARTS AT \$E1D1. IF THESE ADDRESSES ARE NOT CORRECT THEY WILL HAVE TO BE CHANGED. THE PATCH WILL NOT WORK WITH MIKBUG OR ANY OTHER MONITOR THAT USES A PIA FOR THE CONTROL PORT.

THE QUICKEST WAY TO INSTALL THE PATCH IS TO TYPE IN THE HEX CODE FROM THE LISTING USING THE ROM MONITOR MEMORY CHANGE FUNCTION, THEN SAVE THE CODE WITH THE DOS68 "SAVE" COMMAND AND "APPEND" IT TO THE OPERATING SYSTEM.
E.G. SAVE,PAT1,7286,7288<RET>
SAVE,PAT2,67C0,67F3<RET>
APPEND,PAT1,DOS68.42<RET>
APPEND,PAT2,DOS68.42<RET>

2:
3: NAM PATCH1
WITH WI=80

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4:
5: ****
6: *PATCH FOR SSB DISK SYSTEM TO ALLOW TS TO STOP TERMINAL OUT
7: *CR TO RESTART IT, AND TC TO EXIT TO OPERATING SYSTEM (WARM
8: *By: Dan Johnson
9: * Solar Computer Systems Corp.
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11: * Portland OR 97223
12: ****
13:
14: ZWARMS EQU $7283
15: OUTEEE EQU $7286
16: OUTCHAR EQU $E1D1      *THESE ADDRESSES MAY
17: ACTASH EQU $8004      *REQUIRE CHANGE... .
18: ACIADR EQU $8005      *DEPENDING ON YOUR SYSTEM .
19: CNTRLS EQU $13
20: CNTRLQ EQU $11
21: CNTRLC EQU $3
22:
23: GR0     OUTEEE
24: IMP     NEWOUT      PATCH IN NEW OUTPUT VECTOR
25:
26: DRG     $6700
27:
28: *AFTER PRINTING EACH LINE, GO CHECK THE CONSOLE KEYBOARD
29: NEWOUT PSH A          SAVE CHARACTER
30: JSR     OUTCHAR      OUTPUT CHAR. TO CONSOLE
31: PUL A
32: CMP A #$0A           WAS IT A LF?
33: BNE    NOPE          IF NOT THEN RTS
34: *
35: . . .
36: *CHECK KEYBOARD TO SEE IF A CHAR. HAS BEEN TYPED...
37: *IF SO,...NEW IF IT IS A 'C' GO TO 10
38: *IF NOT THEN JUST IGNORE IT
39:
40: KEYCHK PSH A          SAVE REG
41: LDA A ACTASH          CHECK ACTS STATUS
42: ASR A
43: BCC    KEYOUT         IF NOTHING TYPED
44:
45: LDA A ACIADR          GET DATA
46: CMP A #CNTRLC         IS IT A 'C'
47: BNE    KEY1            WAS IT A 'C'
48:
49: *EXIT TO OPERATING SYSTEM
50: KEYEXIT PUL A          RESTORE REG
51: INS
52: INS
53: JMP    ZWARMS        GO TO OPERATING SYSTEM
54:
55: KEY1   CMP A #CNTRLS
56: BNE    KEYOUT         WAS IT A 'C'
57: IF NOT THEN IGNORE
58: *WAIT FOR A "Q" OR A "C" TO BE TYPED
59: KEYWAIT LDA A ACIASR      CHECK STATUS AGAIN
60: ASR A
61: BCC    KEYWAIT        WAIT FOR SOMETHING
62: LDA A ACIADR          GET CHAR.
63: CMP A #CNTRLQ          IS IT A "C" ?
64: BEQ    KEYEXIT        IF SO...GO EXIT
65: CMP A #CNTRLQ          IS IT A "Q" ?
66: BNE    KEYWAIT        IF NOT DO TRY AGAIN
67:
68: KEYOUT PUL A          RESTORE REG
69: NOPE   RTS
70: END

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The program listing is written for the SWTPCo MP-68 system, but may be used with other systems with a small amount of modification. A paper tape reader is connected to port B of a parallel interface in Slot 2 of the motherboard. The PIA is programmed for a low to high transition for the "handshaking" lines.

When the paper tape reader senses a sprocket hole, the small critter, a flip-flop or one-shot will send a low to high pulse to CB1 of the board. When the program reads the data it will cause the PIA to send back an acknowledge signal on CB2 to clear the reader and get ready for the next character. This signal may be ignored by some readers such as the RAEKO and PROKO readers. I use the Oliver Audio Reader, i.e. rarely now that everyone has gone from the paper tape stage to cassette and disk systems, and wired CB1 to RDA and CB2 to ACK.

If an error occurs during the reading of the tape, a software interrupt will occur at location \$2FC6. This will stop the program, the user can back up the tape and try again the last few records. If no error occurs, then control will return to the monitor when an S9 record is encountered.

The program is relocatable, since relative branch instructions were used for subroutine calls, and scratch locations are in the scratch area of the system monitor.

The program is years old, but may still be of use to a few readers and I still have a large quantity of paper tape stored somewhere, but saved everything to disk (PERCOM) and have not had use for them in some time.

Any questions or problems should be directed to Santa Claus, North Pole, Zip 00001.

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1      *
2      *      PAPER TAPE READER PROGRAM
3      *
4      *      WRITTEN FOR THE SWTPCO M6800 SYSTEM
5      *
6      *      THE PROGRAM IS RELOCATABLE AND AS SHOWN RESIDES
7      *      IN THE UPPER PORTION OF 12K. ALL SCRATCH AREA
8      *      IS IN THE MC6810 IN THE SYSTEM LOCATED $A000-$A07F.
9      *
10     *      DR. CHUCK ADAMS
11     *
12     *
13     *
14     A010 CKSM EQU $A010  CHECKSUM SCRATCH
15     A011 BYTECT EQU $A011  BYTE COUNT PER RECORD
16     A012 XHI   EQU $A012  HIGH ORDER BYTE FOR ADDRESS GENERATION
17     A013 XLOW  EQU $A013  LOW ORDER BYTE FOR ADDRESS GENERATION
18     E0D0 HUMBUG EQU $E0D0  MONITOR ENTRY POINT
19     800B PIACTL EQU $800B  PARALLEL PORT AT 2 WITH READER
20     800A PIADAT EQU $800A  DATA REGISTER FOR PIA
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21      *
22 2F8E          ORG $2F8E  GOOD START ADR FOR 12K SYSTEM
23      *
24 2F8E 86 2E  START LDAA #$2E  CONTROL BYTE FOR PIA
25 2F90 B7 800B  STAA PIACTL STORE IN CONTROL REG
26 2F93 B7 800A  STAA PIADAT STORE INTO DATA REG TO CLR IT
27 2F96 8D 2F  LOAD BSR INCH GET CHAR FROM READER
28 2F98 81 53    CMPA #'S  LOOKING FOR 'S' FOR START OF RECORD
29 2F9A 26 FA    BNE LOAD GO BACK FOR NEXT CRITTER
30 2F9C 8D 29    BSR INCH READ NEXT CHAR AFTER 'S'
31 2F9E 81 39    CMPA #'9  SEE IF END OF FILE
32 2FA0 26 03    BNE LOAD1 NO. GO ON
33 2FA2 7E E0DO  JMP HUMBUG END OF FILE. RETURN TO MONITOR
34      *
35 2FA5 81 31    LOAD1 CMPA #'1  SEE IF DATA RECORD
36 2FA7 26 ED    BNE LOAD NOT DATA RECORD. MUST BE GARBAGE
37 2FA9 7F A010  CLR CKSM CLR CHECKSUM TO GET SERIOUS
38 2FAC 80 35    BSR BYTE READ IN BYTE COUNT
39 2FAE 80 02    SUBA #2  SUBTRACT TWO FOR COUNT
40 2FB0 87 A011  STAA BYTECT STORE REMAINING COUNT
41      *
42      * CREATE ADDRESS FROM NEXT FOUR CHARACTERS
43      *
44 2FB3 8D 20    BSR BADDR
45      *
46      * STORE DATA INTO MEMORY AS WE GO
47      *
48 2FB5 8D 2C    LOAD2 BSR BYTE GET DATA
49 2FB7 7A A011  DEC BYTECT SHOW WE GOT IT
50 2FBA 27 05    BEQ LOAD3 WE NOW HAVE CKSUM IF ZERO COUNT
51 2FBC A7 00    STAA 0.X  STORE DATA IN MEMORY
52 2FBE 08        INX POINT TO NEXT LOCATION
53 2FBF 20 F4    BRA LOAD2 GET MORE DATA
54 2FC1 7C A010  LOAD3 INC CKSM MAKE TWO'S COMPLEMENT
55 2FC4 27 D0    BEQ LOAD CHECKS OK. GO GET NEXT RECORD
56 2FC6 3F        SWI NO! SORRY BUT ERROR OCCURRED.
57      *
58 2FC7 B6 800B  INCH LDAA PIACTL GET STATUS OF READER
59 2FCA 2A FB    BPL INCH WAIT UNTIL READER SENSES NEW CHARACTER
60 2FCC B6 800A  LDAA PIADAT GET BYTE FROM READER
61 2FCF 84 7F    ANDA #$7F REMOVE HIGH ORDER BIT. MAY BE STUPID PARITY
62 2FD1 B7 800A  STAA PIADAT RESET PIA (THIS WORKS WELL)
63 2FD4 39        RTS
64      *
65 2FD5 8D 0C    BADDR BSR BYTE GET BYTE
66 2FD7 B7 A012  STAA XHI GOT HIGH ORDER BYTE OF ADDRESS
67 2FDA 8D 07    BSR BYTE GET BYTE
68 2FDC B7 A013  STAA XLOW SAVE LOW ORDER BYTE OF ADDRESS
69 2FDF FE A012  LDX XHI LOAD ALL 16 BITS INTO IX REGISTER
70 2FE2 39        RTS
71      *
72 2FE3 8D 10    BYTE BSR INHEX GET HEX CHARACTER
73 2FE5 48        ASLA
74 2FE6 48        ASLA
75 2FE7 48        ASLA
76 2FE8 48        ASLA NOW HAVE 4 BITS IN HIGH ORDER NYBBLE
77 2FE9 16        TAB SAVE AWHILE IN B REGISTER
78 2FEA 8D 09    BSR INHEX GET NEXT HEX CHARACTER
79 2FEC 1B        ABA CREATE COMPLETE BYTE
80 2FED 16        TAB CLONE IN REGISTER B

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81 2FEE FB A010      ADDB CKSM    ADD TO CHECKSUM
82 2FF1 F7 A010      STAB CKSM    UPDATE CHECKSUM
83 2FF4 39           RTS
84          *
85 2FF5 8D D0      INHEX  BSR     INCH    GET CHARACTER FROM READER
86 2FF7 80 30           SUBA #\$30  STRIP OFF HIGH ORDER NYBBLE
87 2FF9 81 09           CMPA #\$09  SEE IF WAS A-F
88 2FFB 2F 02           BLE    IN1HG   NO, GO BACK
89 2FFD 80 07           SUBA #7    WAS A-F.  FIXIT RIGHT.
90 2FFF 39           IN1HG  RTS
91          *
92          *      THAT'S ALL FOLKS
93          *
94          ENB

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SYMBOL TABLE

CKSM	A010	BYTECT	A011	XHI	A012	XLOW	A013
HUMBUG	E0D0	PIACTL	8008	PIADAT	800A	START	2F8E
LOAD	2F96	LOAD1	2FAS	LOAD2	2FB5	LOAD3	2FC1
INCH	2FC7	BADDR	2FD5	BYTE	2FE3	INHEX	2FF5
IN1HG	2FFF						

0 ERRORS

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FULL DIRECTORY PROBLEM IN MINI FLEX

There is a problem in mini FLEX (the version supplied with the MF-68 disk system from SWTPc) which does not occur often, but is not too pleasant when it does. It occurs when you have filled the directory of a disk (exactly 75 files), then delete one or more of those files, and then try to write another file to the disk. This will crash the directory on the disk and thus cause you to lose data. Unfortunately, there is no simple patch to fix this problem. The best solution is to just be aware of it and not get into such a situation. If you get a directory full error, be SURE not to attempt to delete a file. The disk will be OK to use for reading files, but cannot be used for any other purpose since trying to write to it will give you a directory full error and trying to delete a file will give you the fatal opportunity to write to the disk which will cause the directory to be lost. It's best not to perform a delete at all. As stated, if you only wish to read from the disk, there is no problem and the disk could be used for such purposes forever. However, to make things safer (so that you don't unintentionally perform a delete and write) you should copy the files from the disk to two other disks (so that their directories aren't full) and then reformat or "NEWDISK" the one with the full directory. If you don't need all the files on the disk with a full directory, simply copy those you want to a single other disk and then reformat the filled one.

This problem does not exist in FLEX 1.0 or FLEX 2.0. In fact, the number of files in these versions is not limited to 75.

Replace the instruction at \$7635 (JSR OUTADR)
with the following instructions
JSR OUTHEX
INX
JSR DUTHEX

The PDEL Utility - Volume 5, Number 2

This problem is in both versions of the utilities and the fix is the same for each:

Change the instruction at \$029B in the mini FLEX
version or \$A29E in the 8" FLEX 1.0 version
from BEQ DDDLR5
to BNE DDDLR6

The FIND Utility - Volume 1, Number 1

The find utility does not always perform an FMS close function before returning to warm start. This can cause problems if using the FIND utility in an EXEC command. The problem is in both the mini FLEX and 8" FLEX 1.0 versions. The fixes are not the same in both cases. First for the mini FLEX version:

Change the instruction at \$01B7 from FIND35 JMP WARMS
to FIND35 JMP ERROR8

For the large disk FLEX 1.0:

Change the instruction at \$A17F from JMP WARMS
to JMP FIND35
Then change the instruction at \$A195
from FIND35 JMP WARMS
to FIND35 JSR FMSCLS
followed by JMP WARMS

The MAP Utility - Volume 3, Number 1

The mini FLEX version of MAP has a bug which can be fixed by replacing the routine called "PRTEND" at \$01F5 thru \$0201 with the following:

PRTEND	LDX	PREV	GET ADDRESS
	DEX		DECREMENT IT
	STX	PREV	SAVE BACK OUT
	LDX	#PREV	GET PREVIOUS ADDRESS
	JSR	DUTHEX	OUTPUT IT
	INX		
	JSR	OUTHEX	
	RTS		

This change has already been made in the 8" FLEX 1.0 version of MAP.

COMMENTS ON SOME POPULAR FAIRY TALES

By
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Myth No. 1

The Z-80 is fast—WRONG. It actually takes 4 to 6 cycles just to fetch each op code compared to 1 cycle for the MC6800, 1.0 to 1.5 μ s for the Z-80A running at 4 MHz, 0.5 μ s for the MC6800 running 2 MHz.

Myth No. 2

The Z-80 is a third generation microprocessor—WRONG—it is a rework of the 6800 with M6800 features added to improve performance. It is better than the 6800 or 6809, but definitely not a third generation microprocessor such as the MC6809 (to be introduced in 1978).

Myth No. 3

The Z-80, because of its expanded instruction set, is easy to program—WRONG AGAIN—it has a very complex instruction set which is difficult to learn and use effectively.

Myth No. 4

Adequate development support hardware and software are available for the Z-80—WRONG. None of the Z-80 suppliers nor, for that matter, the independent suppliers of so called "Universal" development systems have invested the tremendous amount of capital required to produce adequate hardware and software support products for the Z-80. Intel has done a reasonable job in this area for the 6800 and 6809, but Motorola's support is truly outstanding with their broad line of EXORcart products, including by far the best disk operating system (MDOS), Ferar Compiler, MPL Compiler, Macro Relocatable Assembler, etc.

Myth No. 5

The Z-80 is applicable to a broad spectrum of product needs—WRONG, WRONG, WRONG—it fits only a narrow niche of applications, forcing its users to turn to completely different processors for either high volume cost sensitive products or for more complex high performance models of the same product. Only Motorola has solved the problem of matching the same hardware and software approach to a wide variety of needs from the single chip MC6801, the two chip MC6802/MC6803, the multi-chip MC6808/MC6809/MC68000 based systems, to the very high performance MC6809 based system. The same development system, software and training are applicable to the entire MC6800 family line. The Motorola approach offers the user maximum flexibility in terms of development system costs, documentation costs, field support costs, etc.

MC6800 vs Z-80

1. Architecture

The Z-80 adds an alternate set of eight 8-bit registers. This it takes 4 cycles to inclusive A, F, + A', F' and four more for BCDEHL, B', C', D', E', H', L'. The alternate registers are only marginally useful for interrupts because nested interrupts are not supported with this technique of register exchange. It is conceivable as well that the non-nested interrupts are used; in that case, the alternate register set can be used with the one interrupt but not the other. The second source of overhead must use, as a minimum, the PUSH A/F and PUSH/H/L instructions for a total of 42 cycles (as opposed to 10 cycles for the exchange interrupt method). All MC6800 registers are automatically saved on interrupt, allowing unlimited nesting (10 cycles are used for these save and restore operations). The overhead for servicing even single, non-nested interrupts is high for the Z-80, twice that of the MC6800.

Two index registers have been added, perhaps the major improvement over the 6800. However, all indexed instructions are of the extended type, requiring 3 bytes instead of the 2 used with the MC6800. The indirect instructions are also quite slow, requiring 19 or 20 cycles as opposed to the 5 to 7 cycles of the MC6800. Loading an index register takes from 14 cycles (immediate) to 20 cycles (extended address). Comparable MC6800 speeds are 3 and 5 cycles. Furthermore, the Z-80 has no compare index register instruction—an extremely dangerous deficit.

An interrupt page address register (8 bit) has been added to allow interrupt routines to be located anywhere in memory—a feature the 6800 achieves through auto interrupt vectoring.

A memory reference register (7-bit) has been added to allow refresh during instruction execution cycles. This is marginally useful.

A second interrupt pin (non-maskable) has been added; this is the NMI of the MC6800.

2. Instruction Set

The Z-80 uses the 12 unused 6800 op codes and expands with 2 byte op codes for a group of new instructions. However, many of the new instructions, such as block move, would seldom be used and have little effect on overall throughput. A group of double precision (12 byte) instructions have been added, but these are slow—the Z-80 is actually 60% slower than the MC6800 in double precision add, for example.

The Z-80 does not have direct (base page) addressing, as does the MC6800, but instead uses indirect register or "pointer" addressing with the H, L register pair. In addition, the B, C and D, E register pairs can be used as registers for as much as only load and store. The net result is that more code is used with the Z-80 and the programming is more complicated.

The Z-80 offers bit set and test instructions—which are actually slower than the use of the AND and OR immediate instructions with the MC6800.

3. Speed (Borrowed or compared MC6800 by the clock (MHz))

Clock (MHz)	Z-80	MC6800
2.0 MHz	7.88	
4.0 MHz	7.88	

4 to 6 cycles are used for op code fetches vs 1 cycle for the MC6800. Thus the MC6800 is 2 to 3 times faster at op code fetches even though the clock is 50% at least.

Fastest instruction is 4 cycles for exchange A, F, + A', F', etc., and load register immediate (compared to 2 cycles on MC6800). Most instructions take longer than MC6800. See table 1.

4. Conclusions

The Z-80 is an improvement over the 6800 or 6809—but because it was designed around the obsolete 6800 architecture in order to be software compatible with it, the Z-80 and Z-80A are inferior to the MC6800 and MC6809. In fact, even the MC6809 is pretty much a match for the Z-80 except for the seldom used block move type of application. The much faster Z-80A block I/O instruction is not really that much of an improvement over the MC6800—180K vs 154K bytes/second 256 bytes or less. In any case, use of the MC6844 DMA controller chip allows much faster I/O, block lengths up to 65K bytes and four simultaneous I/O operations.

The 16 bit arithmetic instructions on the Z-80 seem attractive at first, but the MC6800 is actually faster in this type of operation (see table 1).

The Z-80A has about 5% more logic on a 16% larger die than the MC6800. Third generation microprocessors, such as the MC6809 will have approximately 100% more logic on the die than present second generation microprocessors.

Use of the Z-80 to upgrade existing 6800 designs makes some sense. New designs of the Z-80 at this late stage do not make sense, however. Even if the user is "locked" into the 6800 because of prior use, he will have to soon retrain his people to use a different processor anyway because there is no way that this first generation microprocessor will be carried over to third generation microprocessors.

SPEED COMPARISON

TABLE I

Z-80A %	6800		68800		Z-80		Z-80A	
	1.0	.8	1.0	.8	1.0	.8	1.0	.8
Load A direct (Z-80 extended)	-117	3	3.0	1.5	13	5.2	3.25	
Load A, register indirect	-17				7	2.8	1.75	
Load A immediate	-75	2	2.0	1.0	7	2.8	1.75	
Load A indexed	-90	5	5.0	2.5	19	7.6	4.75	
Store A direct (Z-80 extended)	-63	4	4.0	2.0	13	5.2	3.25	
Store A, register-indirect	+13				7	2.8	1.75	
Store A indexed	-42	6	6.0	3.0	19	7.6	4.25	
Add A to B	0	2	2.0	1.0	4	1.6	1.0	
Add A immediate	-75	2	2.0	1.0	7	2.8	1.75	
Add direct to A, Z-80 register-indirect (HL)	-17	3	3.0	1.5	7	2.8	1.75	
Add indexed	-90	5	5.0	2.5	19	7.6	4.75	
Jump extended	-67	3	3.0	1.5	10	4.0	2.5	
Jump to subroutine	+6	9	9.0	4.5	17	6.8	4.25	
Return	0	5	5.0	2.5	10	4.0	2.5	
Input to A (extd.)	-38	4	4.0	2.0	11	4.4	2.75	
Increment index reg.	25	4	4.0	2.0	10	4.0	2.5	
Store index reg., direct	-100	5	5.0	2.5	20	8.0	5.0	
Interrupt overhead start	-115	10	10.0	5.0	43	17.2	10.75	
Interrupt overhead return (Includes EX AF and Store of one index reg.)	-90	10	10.0	5.0	38	15.2	9.5	
Add two 16-bit numbers stored in RAM and Store result	-68	20	20.0	10.0	67	26.8	16.75	

NOTE: Z-80A = 3 x 68800 = 3 x 110z =

68000 z

EXAMPLE: Load A direct (Z-80 extended) $\frac{1.5 - 1.25}{1.25} \times 100\% = -117$

The Z-80A is 117% slower than the MC68800 for this function.



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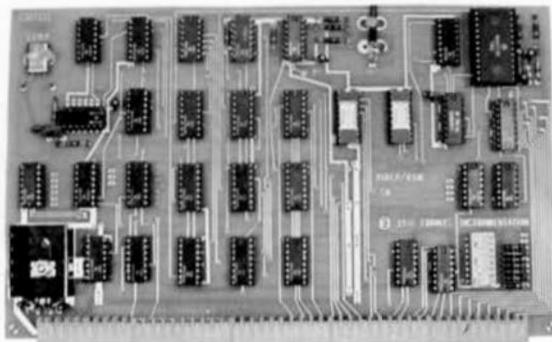
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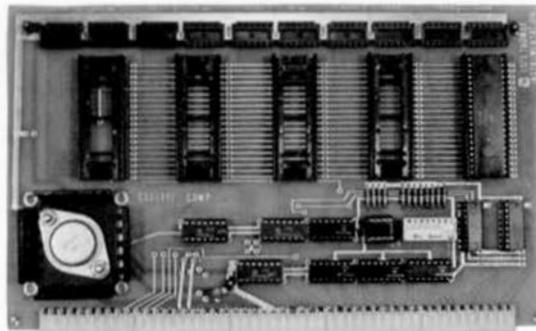
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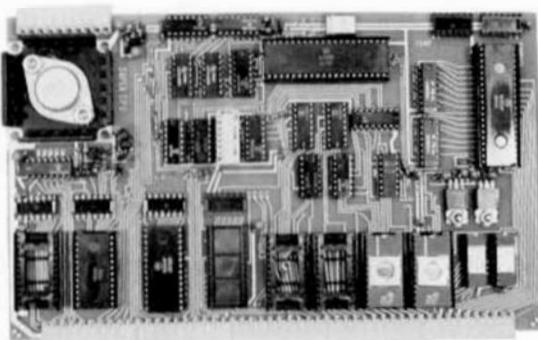
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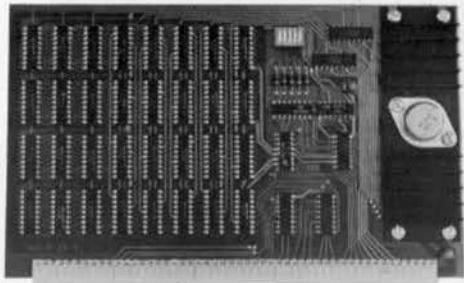
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